

## Week Two - Advent — Love

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Do you remember why we are taking time to be together around our Advent wreath?

To remember that Advent is a time of preparation. During these days we are getting our hearts ready for the coming of the Christ Child. Today, we light two purple candles.

Last time we lit the candle of hope. (*Light the first purple candle.*)

We will light another candle today, on the second Sunday in Advent, to remind us that Jesus came to earth to show and tell us of God's love. (*Light the second purple candle.*)

During Advent, we remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know that God's love for all people is the reason for this gift.

Love comes at Christmas in Jesus Christ.

**All:** *Sing: "Away in a Manger" or listen to:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bw\\_yH55dBIA&list=RDbw\\_yH55dBIA&start\\_radio=1&t=29](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bw_yH55dBIA&list=RDbw_yH55dBIA&start_radio=1&t=29)

Away in a manger  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head

I love Thee, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side  
'Til morning is nigh

The stars in the sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

Be near me, Lord Jesus  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me, I pray

The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes

Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care  
And take us to Heaven  
To live with Thee there

When we look at the second candle, we remember God's love.

Matthew 1:18- "Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

In Matthew 1:20 an angel told Joseph: "The child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

John 3:16- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

During Advent we remember God loves us.

**(Prayer):** Thank you, God, for your son, Jesus. Thank you that you love us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to love one another, our friends at school, and people everywhere we go. AMEN.

### **Family Discussion:**

Who are the people in our world who need the message of God's love?

How do we help others know God's love?