
FAITH @ HOME

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Some ideas for exploring hope during the first week of Advent

You might like to read Isaiah 64:1-9 in a few translations this week.

Parents with littles – if you just need one or two ideas, the don't-miss ideas for young children are in green. Many of these are scalable for older and younger audiences by adjusting the language.

Black font is an all-play for children, teens, and adults.

The word Advent means coming. Each week of Advent, we light a candle as we look forward to celebrating Jesus's coming. The first week, we light the candle of hope and remember the prophets who waited and hoped for the coming Messiah, Jesus.

Read

- 1 Kings 18:16-39 — talk about the similarities to Isaiah 64:1-2
- Isaiah 29:16 — talk about the similarities to Isaiah 64:8

Reflect

- ? Isaiah is angry at the beginning of this passage about the wrongs and injustices in the world. He wishes God would come and fix it. Do you ever feel this way? When?
- ? At the end of this passage, Isaiah's attitude changes to one of hope. What makes you hopeful?
- ? Notice how the passage uses the words us and we to signify community. How can you bring hope to the people in your community — your family, friends, neighbors?
- ? Have you ever felt so excited that you couldn't wait and had to tell everyone? Do you think the prophets felt this way about the coming of the Messiah?
- ? What does it mean to anticipate or hope for something?
- ? Why did God send prophets before Jesus came? Why are the prophets important?
- ? What does it feel like to wait for something that seems far away?
- ? As we prepare to celebrate Jesus's birth how can we look with hope towards Jesus's second coming?

Do

- Draw a picture of the wrong or sad or disappointing things you wish God would fix
- *Play with clay or playdoh. Shape a heart and ask God to make your heart soft and moldable as we wait for Christmas*

- Get out your advent wreath or make one out of toilet paper tubes



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Worship

- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — Pentatonix
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCDvc4G7EgI>
- Come Thou Long Expected Jesus — talk about the different Bible stories portrayed in this video and help your child see how they pointed to the hope of a Messiah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLcTLCCpI5A>
- Light the Light the Fire of Life