

ADVENT: PEACE WEEK TWO

December 9, 2023

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are a special time for God's people to join in anticipation of Christ's birth. This time is called Advent.

Please click [here](#) if you would like complete instructions on the Advent candles.

Light the second Advent candle: Peace. This week, you would also light the candle from the previous week (Hope).

Have someone say, *"This is the second week of Advent. We light the candle of hope from last week. Today, we light the candle of peace."* Have someone light the candle of hope and then the candle of peace.



Dig Deeper

- Talk about the devotion, [Promises and Peace](#). You might use the prayer at the end of the devotion together.
- To learn more about the story of Mary and what peace means in the Bible read [Luke 1:26-55](#)
- Ask these questions: *"What is one thing you are worried about or afraid of? How can other members of your family help you be at peace?"* Allow each family member to answer the question, and then discuss what peace means to them. After the sharing time, say, *"Let's find ways to show the peace in Jesus to everyone we meet this week."*
- Share these [Gifts of Kindness](#) ideas and explore some ways you can give other people peace:
 1. Donate outgrown clothes.
 2. Make a get-well card for someone.
 3. Clean up your toys or room without being asked.
 4. Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
 5. Shovel a neighbor's driveway.
 6. Read a book to someone.
 7. Donate a book to a doctor's office waiting room.

8. Give high fives to a friend.

9. Donate socks and supplies to a homeless shelter.

- Listen to (or even sing!) a family-favorite Christmas carol about peace like “Hark the Herald Angels Sing.” You can listen to an [Advent playlist on Spotify](#). We also love ["Waiting Songs" by Rain for Roots](#).

We pray that participating in Advent gives your family a deep anticipation for Christmas. May God bless you during this special season.

Want to do a deep dive? Check out *Family Fire*'s articles [Encountering the Prince of Peace](#) and [Bring Peace to Those Around You](#).

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