

ADVENT WEEK 2: THE SERVANT

December 7, 2024

Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Luke 1:26-45

Memory Verse

⁴⁵ The Lord has blessed you because you believed that he will keep his promise.

Luke 1:45



CASEY'S DAY

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Sammy's family has a tradition. His parents and older siblings help serve meals at the local shelter every Christmas Eve. Sammy was finally old enough to help serve this year. He was excited and nervous about the experience. Sammy would be the youngest person there. What if he did or said the wrong thing? On the day of service, Sammy arrived at the shelter with his family. There was a ton of hustle and bustle with people preparing plates, moving dishes, talking, and moving around. The shelter director noticed Sammy and walked over to him. He encouraged him not to be nervous and reminded him that Sammy's family had served for many years. They were a blessing to the community. Sammy smiled as he looked up at the director and said, "I believe we are already blessed. That's why we come to bless others."

In our Bible reading, we read the story of Mary and how the angel brought her the news that she would be the one to bring Christ into the world. Mary didn't understand. She responded, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it

happen as you have said." Whatever God has for us to do, let our reply be the same as Mary's. No matter how young or old we are, God will give us everything we need to be a faithful servant.

Christmas time shows us where the greatest needs are in our communities. How can we help others? Where can you be a servant this Advent season? Find out what your church is doing and help serve together. Build a connection with a neighbor by shoveling their driveway, cleaning up their front yard, or leaving special treats for their pets. Share some cheer, and make Christmas cards for those who live alone. Smile and thank all the people who serve you in the stores this month. One of the greatest ways to serve God is to tell others about Jesus. Invite a friend to a special Christmas church service. Share the good news of the birth of Christ and how he came to reunite us with God.

Prayer

God, thank you for the opportunity to help others. Help me to show your love through service during this season. Amen.

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