

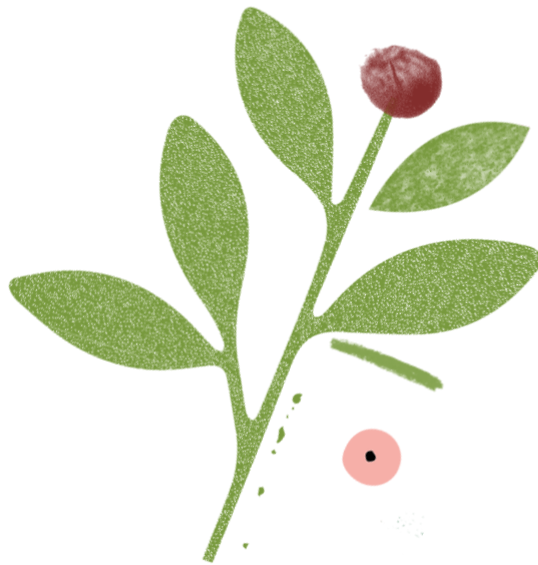
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## Merry Christmas First Orlando Families!

Our Kid's team is excited to provide this resource for your family this holiday season. We have aligned this year's advent devotional with Pastor David's sermon series, **Unwrapping Christmas**. We hope this will give you even more discussion opportunities as you strive to apply what you are learning in your homes. We also pray that in the midst of all the holiday business, this will give you an opportunity to keep your focus on the nearness of God we have access to through the birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of all God is doing in and through First Orlando Kids! If you would like to be a part of seeing life change in the hearts and and lives of kids and families, please [click here](#) to learn more.

**Pastor Heath**



# Day 1: WORD

## Read John 1:1

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Did you know that words are powerful? Words can be used to show love or used to hurt people. No matter how we choose to use our words, God's word is the most powerful of all. We know from the book of Genesis that God spoke and created the whole world. In the verse you read, Jesus is called the "Word" because he was with God before the world was created. Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness, and we can help shine His light in the world around us through our words. We can use our words to build up, encourage, love, comfort, and show kindness!



## Day 2: MADE

### Read John 1:2–3

*He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Do you like to make things? Being creative is one of the unique ways that God has MADE you! God didn't just create people though, He created light, oceans, trees, animals, and so much more. So many things we enjoy in everyday life was created by God. Jesus appreciated all that God created, including other people, even people that were unkind to him. Jesus showed us what it means to be created in God's image in the way He loved all people and helped people feel like they had value—no matter who they were or what they had done.



## Day 3: TOOK OUR PLACE

### Read Isaiah 53:6

*All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the Lord has placed on his servant the sins of all of us.*

Have your parents ever told you to not do something, and you did it anyway? We've all had moments where we choose to not listen or obey those in charge of us. The bible compares that behavior to sheep. Sheep are difficult to keep together and often go off on their own way. Sheep also have very little ability to protect themselves, so this makes it very dangerous for them to leave the protection of the shepherd. Even though we were the ones that chose to go our own way and sin, Jesus came to take our place. He willingly chose to take the punishment that we deserved.

# Day 4: FORGIVER

## Read Acts 10:43

*All the prophets tell about him. They say that all who believe in him have their sins forgiven through his name.*

Would you rather open all of the Christmas presents or some of the Christmas presents? Would you rather have all of the candy or some of the candy? All is important... it has value. This verse says “all of the prophets tell about Jesus” and even more importantly for us... ALL who believe in Jesus are forgiven of their sins.

