

ADVENT 2021



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 5: LIGHT

Light at candle at dinner or bed time. For greater effect, turn off the other lights in the house so that the candle is the only light! Read John 1:4-5.

Life was in him, and that life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness. But the darkness has not overcome the light.

If I were to blow out this candle, what would happen? Would we be able to see anything? What does this candle give us when we burn it? That's right...light. Even the small amount of light this candle puts out, it allows us to see in darkness. In the bible, the bad choices that people make is often called darkness, or sin. Jesus left heaven and came to earth as a baby to be light in a sinful, dark world



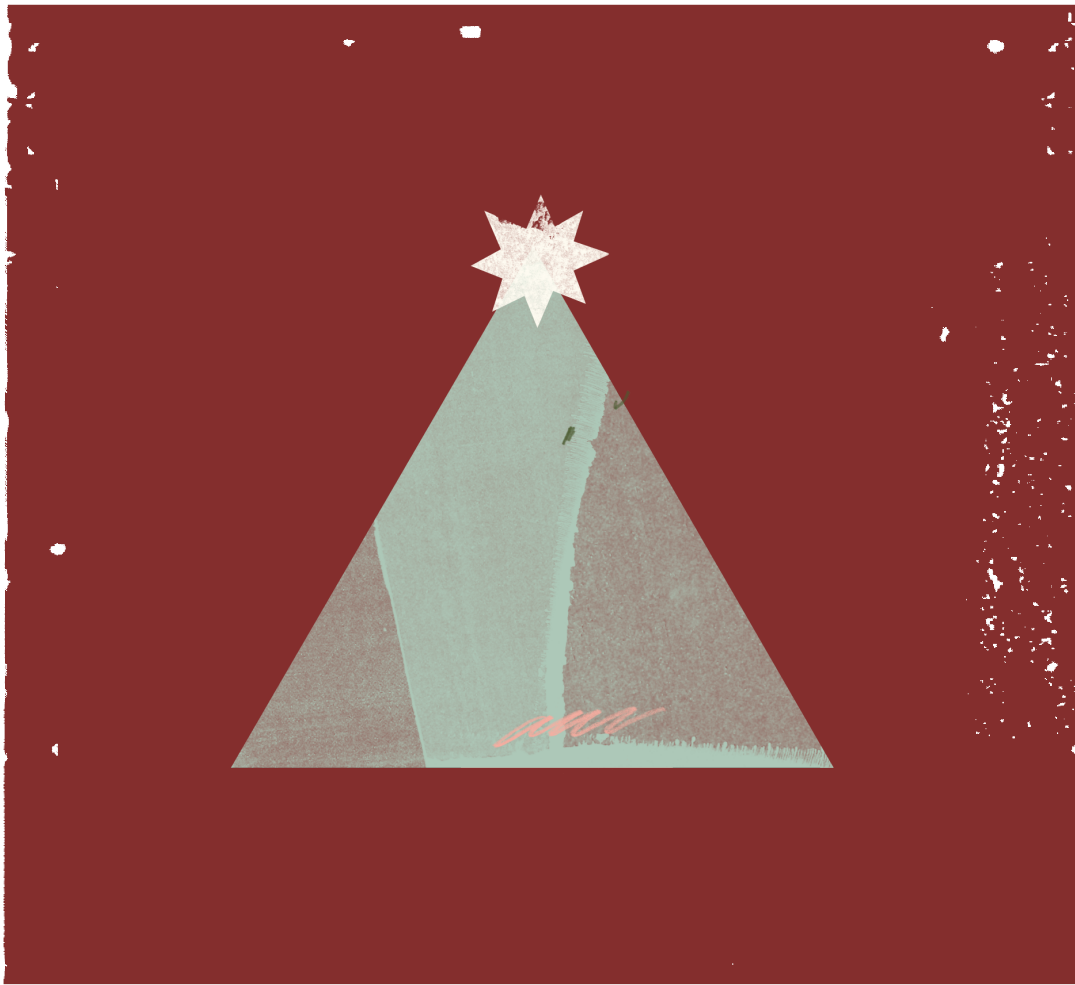
Day 6: LIGHT of the WORLD

Read John 8:12

Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life."

Do you know who is speaking in this verse? That's right, Jesus. What does Jesus say about himself? That's right, Jesus HIMSELF said He is the light of the world. If I were to blindfold you and then ask you to walk to your room, would it be hard? What if I asked to the neighbor's house blindfolded? Would that be harder? It's hard to walk in darkness. We can't see the dangers, we can fall and get hurt. Jesus said that if we follow Him in our lives, He will show us the way so we don't walk in darkness.



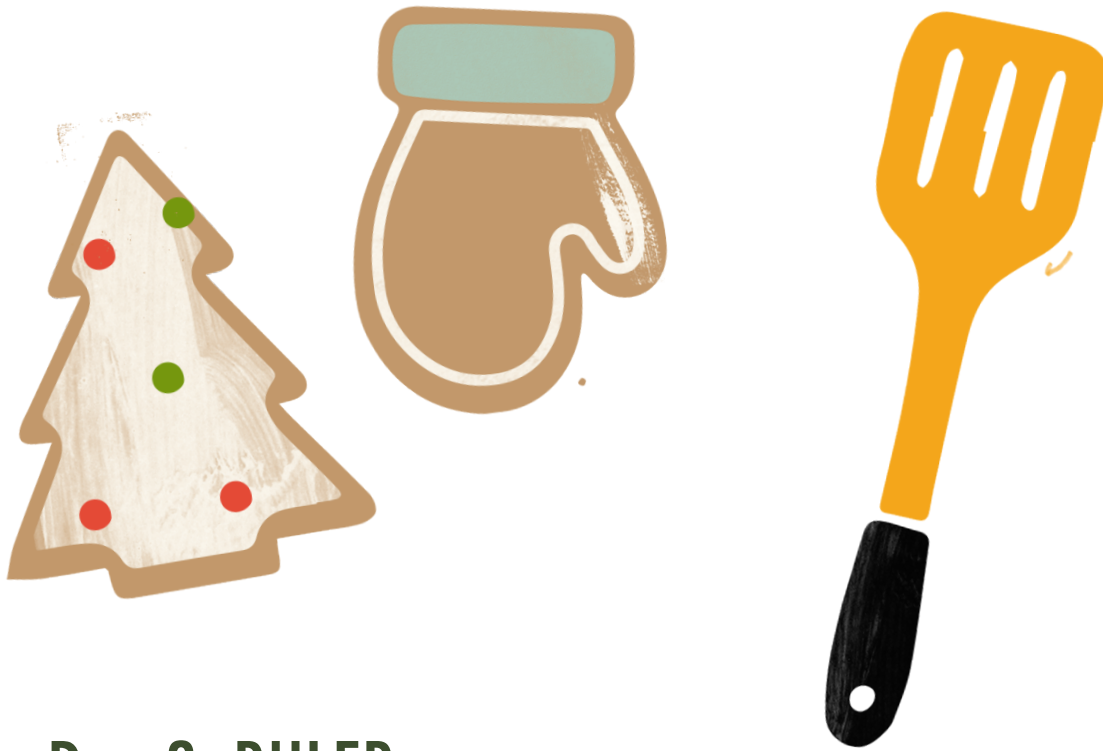


Day 7: SAVIOR

Read 1 Timothy 1:15

Here is a saying that you can trust. It should be accepted completely. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the worst sinner of all.

Have you ever gone to a water park or a beach that had life guards? What is their job? Yes! They have a very important job to save people who are drowning. Jesus was born in Bethlehem for one very important job. He came to take the punishment for our sin, not because HE did anything wrong, but because WE do things that are wrong. That's how much He loves us. Pray and thank Jesus for coming to earth to save us.



Day 8: RULER

Read Micah 5:2

*Bethlehem Ephrathah, you might not be
an important town in the nation of Judah.*

*But out of you will come for me
a ruler over Israel.*

*His family line goes back
to the early years of your nation.*

*It goes all the way back
to days of long ago.*

Have you ever felt like you were small? Maybe you're the smallest in your family, or the smallest on your sports team or the smallest in your class. Long before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah said that even though Bethlehem was a small, unimportant city that one day the Messiah (Jesus) would be born there. Just because it was a small city, it was important, and God had a plan to do big things there. God has a plan for your life as well...trust Him and see what amazing things He can do in and through your life!

Day 9: PRINCE OF PEACE

Read Isaiah 9:6

A child will be born to us.

A son will be given to us.

He will rule over us.

And he will be called

Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God.

*He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever
and Prince Who Brings Peace.*

Have you ever heard a weather report on TV or the radio that told you that a storm was coming? Meteorologists use technology and science to be able to see what the weather is now, and what is coming in the future. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah told people Jesus was coming. He didn't use science or technology... he just knew because God told him. Jesus was born in Bethlehem to bring peace to all people, just as God promised and just as God planned all along.





Day 10: SHINES

Read Matthew 5:15

Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house.

Think about all the beautiful Christmas lights in your neighborhood. If a person went to all the trouble and expense to put the lights on their house and then chose to not plug them, would that make sense? No! The point is to turn the lights on and let them shine and bring joy to those who see it. The same is true of Jesus. We don't want to hide the light of Jesus. We can show it in our lives by our words and how we treat and help others. Take a walk or a ride through your neighborhood and look at Christmas lights and talk about ways you can be light to those you live around.

Day 11: STAR

Read Matthew 2:7-11

Then Herod secretly called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report it to me. Then I can go and worship him too." After the Wise Men had listened to the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

How does your mom and dad get directions to go places? That's right, they use the GPS system on their phones or their car to figure out how to get places. In the time Jesus was born, No one had GPS. They didn't even have very good maps! So God made a plan...He provided a star to guide the wise men to Jesus. The light from the star not only told them that this baby was special, it showed them the way to find him so they could bring Him gifts and worship Him.

