

ADVENT 2021



## Merry Christmas First Orlando Families!

Your Kid's staff 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 "Christmas Presence". 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 our focus on the nearness of God through the birth of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of all God is already doing and is going to do in First Orlando Kids! If you would like to be a part of seeing life change in the hearts and kids and families, please [click here](#) to learn more.

**Pastor Heath**



## Day 12: SOURCE

### Read John 1:4

*In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

When you decorate your Christmas tree, how do you get the lights to come on? Yes, you must plug the cord into the receptacle in the wall. The receptacle is the source of power that makes the lights shine. In the same way, Jesus is our source of life. He not only spoke life into existence at creation, but Jesus also becomes the source of a new life by taking away our sin if we ask Him to.

# Day 13: ABUNDANT LIFE

## Read John 10:10

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

Christmas is a time of gifts, food, fun and family! Jesus came, not just for us to have an ok life... He came so we can have a life that is full of love, peace, and happiness; and not just for now, but also forever in heaven one day. So, this Christmas and continuing into 2022, think about ways to find joy and happiness in all things, big and small.



# Day 14: WORTHY

## Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7

*These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

What are some things you are excited about this Christmas? Is it the presents? Getting to spend time with family? Maybe it's the candy and food you get to eat, or a trip you get to go on? When we are excited about things, we tend to talk about them a lot. We talk about them when we are eating together, or when we are in the car, or even when we are getting tucked into bed at night. Guess what, while it's ok to be excited and talk about these things, God wants us to talk about His Word too. Find times in your day to make talking about God a priority in your home.





## Day 15: IMMANUEL

### Read Isaiah 7:14

*The Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel.*

When you are doing something fun, are you happier doing it alone or WITH someone? How about playing a game or doing something hard...Is it better having someone WITH you? The name Immanuel means "God with us". Jesus is not some far away god or statue. He is a living God that left heaven to be WITH us. We can be comforted to know that where ever we are, whatever we are doing Jesus is WITH us...we are NEVER alone.



## Day 16: BORN TO MARY

**Read Luke 1:46–48**

*My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed.*

Have you ever been given a job that seemed really hard or even scary. It could be as simple as making up your bed by yourself...or maybe it was singing in front of a crowd or trying out for a team. When the angel appeared to Mary, he told her about a job assignment that God had given her. She would be the mother of Jesus. Instead of being afraid or suggesting someone else take the job, she sang this song of thanksgiving. When you feel scared or afraid, remember God is with you, just like He was with Mary.

# Day 17: PRINCE OF PEACE

## Read Zechariah 9:10

*The bow of war will be removed and He will proclaim peace to the nations.*

Have you learned about war in school? Maybe you have even seen war and fighting on television or in movies? The world can seem out of control and scary at times. Jesus came to bring peace. He came so we don't have to worry or be afraid. But more important even than that, He came so we could have peace in knowing that we can spend eternity with Him in heaven if we have a relationship with Him. We can also rest in knowing that one day He will bring peace to the whole world.



# Day 18: MESSIAH

## Read Colossians 3:16

*Let the message about the Messiah dwell richly among you, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

Have you ever had to wait for something? At Christmas it seems like we have to wait forever to open the presents under the tree, right? For hundreds of years people had been waiting for the promised Messiah. They expected Him to come as a great military leader or earthly king. Instead, He came as a baby, born to a poor family in a lowly stable. He came to live among us...but more importantly He came with the message that through Him, we could finally get forgiveness from our sins.

