



## Advent Season 2015

### Week 1 Begins Sunday November 29th

It can be difficult during the busy Christmas season to set aside a special time to reflect and worship. Many of you may have taken a moment each day last month to think of something you are thankful for. I challenge you this month to continue that practice by taking a few moments each day to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Savior King.

You could use a wreath and candles. Light the first of 5 candles every night of the first week as you read a Scripture, sing a song, say prayer, etc. You could use social media to post that day's verse, or your reflections on it, or your prayer for that day.

Begin tonight, Sunday November 29th by lighting a candle and then reading Isaiah 40:1-5. Then light that same candle each night as you read:

Monday: Isaiah 52:7-10  
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:9-11  
Wednesday: Genesis 3:8-15  
Thursday: Genesis 15:1-6  
Friday: Deuteronomy 18:15-19  
Saturday: Psalm 89:1-4

Think about, or talk about, if others are with you during this time, what these verses mean to you and how they relate to the coming of the Christ. Sing, play or listen to one of your favorite Christmas hymns and then take a moment to thank God for His love and faithfulness to keep His promise of a Savior, a Redeemer.



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### Week 2 Begins Sunday December 6th

How'd you do last week in your Advent efforts? Schedules can be crazy for sure, especially during the holidays. If you had a few moments during the week to worship, Good for You!! If not, don't despair. You can put the true meaning of Christmas into the things you are already doing. Here are a few examples:

**When you receive Christmas cards in the mail**, take a moment to pray for that person or family to feel God's presence, peace and hope during the holiday season, especially if they don't know Jesus personally.

**When you hear Christ-centered Christmas songs** playing, pay attention to the lyrics and pray or worship as you listen. KLove.com has a dedicated Christmas station that plays lots of Christ-centered Christmas music.

Make an effort to smile at people you pass in the stores. Be extra courteous to employees. **Show the love of the Savior to everyone** you come in contact with. You may not know the impact it can have on someone, but it's so worth it.

If you have an Advent wreath, place it on your kitchen table. Light two candles this week as you read a Scripture, sing a song, say a prayer, etc. at dinner time. Post the day's verses, your reflections, and/or your prayer for that day on your favorite social media.

Here are some great Scriptures for this week:

Sunday:	Luke 2:15-16	Thursday:	Luke 2:21
Monday:	Luke 2:17-18	Friday:	Matthew 2:1-2
Tuesday:	Luke 2:19	Saturday:	Matthew 2:3-6
Wednesday:	Luke 2:20		

Or check out Bible.com. They have some great Advent and Christmas reading plans. Some include videos and music that really help you worship and enjoy the season. Blessings to you!



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**Week 3 Begins Sunday December 13th**

Are you enjoying the season? There is excitement in the air! Preparation and anticipation are often the best parts. That's what Advent is all about too. Preparing our hearts and lives for the coming of the Savior. Do we live each day with the knowledge that He is coming? Are we ready for Him? Are we excited with anticipation at the thought of His return? What preparations need to be made?

**Seek Him with all your heart**, See Matthew 6:33 *“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”*, Colossians 3:1-2 *“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”* and Deuteronomy 4:29 *“But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.”* Genuinely studying the Scripture and spending time in prayer is seeking Him and His Truth.

If you have an Advent wreath, place it on your kitchen table. Light three candles this week as you read a Scripture, sing a song, say a prayer, etc. at dinner time. Post the day’s verses, your reflections, and/or your prayer for that day on your favorite social media.

- Here are some great Scriptures for this week:
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| Sunday:    | Matthew 2:7-8   | Thursday: | Galatians 4:4-5 |
| Monday:    | Matthew 2:9     | Friday:   | Ephesians 2:8-9 |
| Tuesday:   | Matthew 2:10-11 | Saturday: | 1 John 4:7-16   |
| Wednesday: | Matthew 2:12-15 |           |                 |

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**Advent Season 2015**  
**Week 4 Begins Sunday December 20th**

Well, it’s finally here. Hopefully all the rushing around is done and you can finally rest and enjoy the final days before Christmas.

Spend some quiet time reflecting on all that you have and all that God has done for you and brought you through this year. There are several passages in this week’s reading that refer to Jesus as the light of the world. Look at these passages and consider what that means to you. Why was the light necessary? What does the light do? How does the light affect me? Do others need this light?

If you have an Advent wreath, place it on your kitchen table. Light four candles this week as you read a Scripture, sing a song, say a prayer, etc. at dinner time. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, light all five candles and thank Him for being the Light.

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| Sunday:    | Ephesians 2:12-22            |
| Monday:    | Psalm 98:1-6 & John 8:12     |
| Tuesday:   | John 1:1-3, 14 & Romans 6:23 |
| Wednesday: | Psalm 100                    |

If you are looking for more experiential activities—something that makes it feel real—consider watching a movie like *The Nativity Story* or *The Gospel of John*. Or you can look up Christmas music videos on YouTube like this one by **Francesca Batistelli** called **You’re Here**: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHKJ1aWt1J4> or this one by **Amy Grant** called **Breath of Heaven** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOQRtYYERGo>

*Merry Christmas*