Advent Home Guide

This guide is a tool to help you give your attention to God throughout the season of Advent as you gather as a household. Use it in collaboration with the virtual service, the sermon video (found under our media tab) or on it's own as devotional resource.

Week 2: PEACE.

Jesus took on flesh and moved into the 'hood to bring hope to all people including those on the margins.

Step 1: Music

FOCUS ON JESUS THROUGH MUSIC.

[O Come O Come Emmanuel](#)

[The Earth Stood Still](#)

[O Holy Night](#)

Step 2: Turn to God's word.

Read the passage John 1:14 and Luke 2:8-20

Step 3: Talk about

Give a bit of time to reflect on these ideas, either as a family, in a private chat, or on your own. It's ok to have questions arise from here, in fact it's good work to ask questions.

We are waiting in a state of tension. That's what advent is about. Waiting, and tension.

Our biblical hope is based on the person of Jesus, and the hope that he will return. Our faith isn't just a glass half full, but rather a bold knowing that our hope is founded in God. Hope is a bold choice to wait on God

This hope is present in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, church buildings and communities. It looks like heaven breaking through and changing lives in big ways and small ways.

Step 4: Prayer

Seek God through prayer

- Pray for Hope. In our homes. In our communities. In our city. Around the world.
- Pray that God's hope would be known and felt in our communities, and shared with our neighbours
- Pray for your own sense of hope in a season ruled by restlessness and preparation.

Step 5: Benediction

Close your time.

May God bless you as you create hope and look for His hope in your communities.

Amen.

Step 6: Questions

1. Why do you think God 'moved into the neighbourhood' instead of taking a throne or a position of power? How do you think his entry into humanity affected women like Mary, or shepherds? How does it impact you?
2. When have you experienced hope in your community?
3. What is something you're hoping for now?