

Every Sunday: *Rest and Reflect on the birth of Jesus around an advent wreath.*

Every Other Day: *Read to understand; Think about what it means; and Pray.*

Sun. **Advent Devotional:** Read Isaiah 9:2-7. "As we get ready to celebrate the birth of our King, we know His promised joy, freedom, safety, peace, and justice are not fully here. We hope for a day when Jesus makes the world right. Until then, we light the first candle, to shine in the darkness." (Light the first candle.) "Lord, let us shine with your hope and spread your care. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen"

Mon **Read:** Isaiah 9:2-5 + 2 Kings 18:1-8
Think: How was Hezekiah like Jesus?
Pray: for our leaders to lead like Jesus.

Tue **Read:** Isaiah 9:6-7 + Isaiah 11:1-5
Think: How is God's justice *for* the poor and needy?
Pray: for mistreated and needy people to get justice.

Wed **Read:** Isaiah 9:2-5 + Matthew 11:27-30
Think: What does Jesus offer you rest and freedom from?
Pray: for the Spirit to free you from something that weighs on you.

Thu **Read:** Isaiah 9:6-7 + Psalm 72:12-14
Think: Are you on the side of the needy and oppressed with God?
Pray: for the Spirit to shape your heart like the Father's.

Fri **Read:** Isaiah 9:2-5 + Matthew 20:1-16
Think: The kingdom is here. How can you be generous like the landowner?
Pray: God's will to be done here as in heaven.

Sat **Read:** Isaiah 9:6-7 + Revelation 21:3-5
Think: What do you want the Wonderful Counselor to make new?
Pray: for Jesus to return.