

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

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

Sun. **Advent Devotional:** Read Zechariah 9:9-10. "When God acts to bring peace and set the world right, we rejoice. He made us right with God and empowers us to bring peace in the world around us. While we still wait for His final act, we rejoice in every moment when brokenness is healed. So we light a candle for our hope in Jesus (Light Candle) and the peace He brings (Light Candle) and the joy we experience in His presence (Light Candle). "Lord, let your joy overflow from us. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen."

Mon **Read:** Zechariah 9:9-10 + Psalm 96:11-13

**Think:** What has God done that brings you joy and exuberance?

**Pray:** for a greater experience of Joy in God.

Tue **Read:** Zechariah 9:11-13 + Exodus 24:3-8

**Think:** Why does God keep His covenant even when people don't?

**Pray:** and praise God for His faithfulness.

Wed **Read:** Zechariah 9:9-10 + Luke 2:10-14

**Think:** How should our joy from Jesus be expressed?

**Pray:** for the courage to express your joy regularly.

Thu **Read:** Zechariah 9:11-13 + Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Think:** What shifts between the Old Covenant and the new one?

**Pray:** and praise God for His faithfulness and mercy.

Fri **Read:** Zechariah 9:9-10 + Matthew 21:4-9

**Think:** When Matthew relays the story of Jesus fulfilling this prophecy, why is there a donkey *and* a colt? (Mark 11:4 does not include it)

**Pray:** and ask the Spirit for wisdom as you wrestle with Scripture.

Sat **Read:** Zechariah 9:11-13 + Romans 5:1-5

**Think:** What have you received from the blood of His new covenant?

**Pray:** and enjoy that you can be in God's presence.