

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 Isaiah 56:6-8. "Jesus comes because God loves all people, and our God does not play favorites. Jesus pays no attention to the ways we label each other as lesser or unworthy. He loves us, so that all who love Him are welcome with Him. So tonight, we light the candle for our hope in Him, (Light Candle) and for His peace (Light Candle), one for the joy at His presence (Light Candle), and the love He has for everyone. (Light Candle) "Lord, fill us with your love. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Amen."

Mon **Read:** Isaiah 56:1-3 + Zechariah 7:9-10

Think: Do you think of righteousness more as following rules or treating people well? Explain.

Pray: for the righteousness of God's kingdom to take root.

Tue **Read:** Isaiah 56:4-5 + Isaiah 62:1-5

Think: What hurtful names do you call yourself? What does God call you?

Pray: to see yourself how God does.

Wed **Read:** Isaiah 56:6-8 + Matthew 21:12-14

Think: Who do we keep away from church that Jesus would welcome?

Pray: for our church to be a house of prayer for all people.

Thu **Read:** Isaiah 56:1-3 + Acts 8:30-37

Think: Who can you be like Philip to?

Pray: for someone who feels far from, forgotten, or mistreated by God.

Fri **Read:** Isaiah 56:4-5 + Revelation 3:11-13

Think: What does it mean to have God's name on you?

Pray: to feel secure in God's welcome.

Sat **Read:** Isaiah 56:6-8 + John 4:21-26

Think: What makes a person a "true worshipper?"

Pray: for someone you know to feel welcome with God.