

ADVENT

CONVERSATION GUIDE



WEEK 1

BOTTOM LINE: Advent is a season when we eagerly await the arrival of Jesus.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Whiteboard & Markers (provided)

advent overview.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a conversation about the meaning and focuses of Advent using their **Student Notebooks** and the questions below.

- **ASK:** What comes to mind when you hear the word "Advent"?
- Describe the three main focuses of Advent below to your students and tell them to write them in their notebooks as you read them.

PREPARATION: *Advent is a season to get ready for the first coming of Christ, the Messiah.*

ANTICIPATION: *Advent reminds us of the eventual return of Christ.*

REALIZATION: *Advent reminds us that we need to daily be inviting the Holy Spirit into our lives to make room for Christ to do a good work in us.*

say this:
Advent is a reminder of how God's people waited for Jesus to come and how we wait for Jesus to return.

say this:
Isaiah 9 prophesied of Jesus' First Coming. It was written around 700 years before Jesus was even born!

hear from God through His word.

DO THIS: Read Isaiah 9:6 as a group and then lead your students in a conversation about what this verse says about the coming Jesus using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Isaiah 9:6 and have someone read the verse out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *Who is the child this verse is talking about?*
- **ASK:** *What are the four roles given to this child?*
- **ASK:** *Why do you think these were the four roles given to Jesus?*



talk with others about our faith.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a conversation about the roles of Jesus in their lives using your **whiteboard** and the questions below.



- Write the four roles of Jesus found in Isaiah 9:6 on your **whiteboard**. Then, pass around the marker to your students and have them each write their initials next to the role that they've experienced the most in their relationship with Jesus.
- **ASK:** *Why did you put your initials next to the role that you did?*
- **ASK:** *How can Jesus be our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace?*

pray by talking to God.

DO THIS: Lead your students in a time of prayer using their **Student Notebooks** and the prompt below.

- Tell your students to open their **Student Notebooks** to a new page and spend a couple minutes writing a prayer to God with this prompt: *Which role of Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 do you need Jesus to be for you right now? Ask Him to be that for you this Advent season.*

live in a way that honors God.

DO THIS: Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for the week.

- Memorize Isaiah 9:6 this week. Be ready to recite it at Life Group next week.
- Follow an Advent devotional on your own leading up to Christmas. There are plenty of great ones out there, but we would recommend the "**BibleProject | Advent**" plan on the YouVersion Bible app!



memory verse

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6