

# ADVENT

CONVERSATION GUIDE

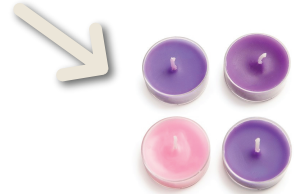


WEEK 2

**BOTTOM LINE: Advent reminds us of the awesome things that Jesus brought when He came to earth.**

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks
- Candles - 3 purple, 1 pink, 1 white (provided)
- Matches (provided)



**hear from God through His word.**

**DO THIS:** Read Luke 2:8-15 as a group and lead your students in a conversation about Jesus' birth using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to Luke 2:8-15 and ask someone to read it out loud for the group.
- **ASK:** *What event is this passage talking about?*
- **ASK:** *What does Jesus' birth bring to the world?*

**experience Advent as a group.**

**DO THIS:** Explain the tradition of Advent to your students using the **candles** from your series kit and the questions and prayer prompts below.

- Light one of the **purple candles** and explain that this candle represents **HOPE**. It reveals the hope that we have in Jesus because He came to earth to save us from our sins.
- **ASK:** *What does it mean to have hope?*
- **ASK:** *How does Jesus' birth bring hope to the world?*

***say this:**  
Advent is a church tradition that involves lighting five different candles. Each candle represents a unique meaning.*



**PRAY:** Ask a student to pray and thank Jesus for the hope that He brings us and the world.

- Light another **purple candle** and explain that this candle represents **PEACE**. It reveals the peace that Jesus brought about when He arrived on earth.
- **ASK:** *How does Jesus' birth bring peace to the world?*



- **ASK:** *Why do you think Jesus wants us to have peace?*



**PRAY:** Ask a student to pray for peace in the midst of the busy Advent season.

- Light the **pink candle** and explain that this candle represents **JOY**. It reveals the joy that we have knowing that Jesus came to earth to save us. It's a reminder of the joy we experience knowing that we are saved.

- **ASK:** *What does it mean to have joy?*

- **ASK:** *How does Jesus' birth bring joy to the world?*



**PRAY:** Ask a student to pray that everyone in your group will experience joy in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

- Light the last **purple candle** and explain that this candle represents **LOVE**. It reveals the love that Jesus has for you. Jesus came to earth to be the ultimate example of love and express that Love through the cross.

- **ASK:** *How does Jesus' birth bring love to the world?*

- **ASK:** *How does knowing Jesus loves you change the way you view yourself and the people around you?*



**PRAY:** Ask a student to pray that Jesus' love would be felt by every person in this group.

- Light the **white candle** and explain that this candle is called the "**Christ Candle**". It reveals the purity of Christ, in that, He lived a perfect, blameless life. This candle is lit on Christmas Day as the final Advent celebration.

- **ASK:** *What does it mean that Jesus lived a perfect life?*

- **ASK:** *How can you make Jesus the center of the Advent season?*



**PRAY:** Ask a student to pray that everyone in the group would be able to keep their focus on Jesus in the midst of the busyness of the Christmas season.

***say this:**  
Advent is a church tradition that helps us to see Jesus more clearly during the busy times of the holiday season.*



## memory verse

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people"*

**Luke 2:10**