

# SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

## Peace

*Light two purple candles.*

**Read Isaiah 2:1-5**

This second candle represents peace. The word peace seems to be on all the Christmas décor, but the season doesn't always feel peaceful. All the parties and family in town can feel more like an explosion than quiet and restful! But Jesus' coming means we have a promise of peace.

This peace is beyond anything we could experience on our own. Isaiah tells us God will settle disputes. War will be foreign to us, and weapons won't exist. This is the peace that we look forward to in Advent, and this is the kind of peace we can only have through the gift of God's son, Jesus.

Allow God's presence to bring peace to places of stress, busyness, or chaos over these weeks of anticipation.

### Questions:

- What steps can you take to bring about peace in your life?
- Where have you seen the peace of Jesus in your life?

# MAKE THE ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARY

**Remember: God is with us in ordinary places**

**Read: John 1:1-14**

This week in our sermon, we learned that God moved into the neighborhood. He became flesh and blood, just like us, and grew up in a small town among regular people; a town many people dismissed and looked right past. He made an ordinary place extraordinary!

### Family challenge:

If you haven't yet, decorate your house and tree this week for Christmas. Turn your everyday space into something extraordinary! It doesn't take new or expensive décor, either. Kids can help make simple decorations like paper chains or paper angels to celebrate the birth of Jesus. However you do it, be intentional as you decorate. Remember that you are doing this not to impress your neighbors but to put physical reminders all over your home of the extraordinary gift of Jesus. Then, a couple evenings this week, turn off all the lights in the room except for the Christmas lights. Sit in silence and stillness and reflect on the peace and light of Christ!

## WEEKLY READING PLAN

Luke 1:5-25

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:39-56

Isaiah 9:5

Isaiah 26:1-3

EXTRAORDINARY