

Christmas *at Greenville First*

Family Advent Cards



Week 1: Hope

“In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”
Colossians 1:14

On the first Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to represent the hope we have in Jesus. God promised his people long ago that one day a King would come and be their Savior. God kept his promise! He sent his son Jesus to save us from our sins by dying on the cross. We can have hope that God will always keep his promises in the future because he always has in the past! God has great things planned for us. Our trust in Jesus reminds us that no matter what, we can have hope because God is always faithful.

Week 2: Peace

“He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.”

Ephesians 2:17

On the second Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to represent the peace offered to us through Jesus. The peace candle represents the forgiveness we have through Jesus. Our sins separate us from God, but through Jesus we can be made new and reunited with Him. We are invited into God's presence as His sons and daughters. The past is washed away and we are brand new! Just as little kids find peace with their families, we can find peace with our Heavenly Father. We have peace knowing that God loves us and is always with us!

Week 3:

Joy

“Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1b-2

On the third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to represent the joy we find in Jesus. The joy candle reminds us that we have so many reasons to praise God! On the first Christmas, God gave us the greatest gift of all time - His son Jesus! Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven, and we can have a relationship with our Heavenly Father. Today, we remember that our joy comes from Jesus! Christmas is more than presents or pretty lights; Christmas is a time to celebrate our Savior.

Week 3: Love

“God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His one and only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.”

1 John 4:9

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to represent God’s love. We learn from the Bible that God is love. Jesus is the perfect example of God’s love! While Jesus was on earth, He healed the sick, cared for the poor, and forgave people who did not deserve it. Jesus loved us enough to give His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins! Today, we light the love candle and remember that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. Because he loves us, we can love others. As followers of Jesus, we can show God’s love to those around us.