

Family Look Book Took  
Advent 2020  
**HOPE**

Light one purple candle on your Advent Wreath. If you do not have an Advent Wreath, light a candle that you have in your home. This light is a reminder that God is present with us and this week we light the Advent candle of **HOPE**.

- Leader: Let us pray. God of Advent, open our hearts with **HOPE**. **HOPE** that reminds us to slow down to see you in all people and in all things. Amen.

**Look**

“Prepare”, “watch”, “wait” and “keep awake” are a few of the many words we use during Advent. Advent means coming. As we prepare for Christmas, we remember Jesus coming into the world over two thousand years ago.

1. When was a time that you waited to get something special or to see someone special?
2. What was that waiting like for you?

**Book:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Open your bible to Jeremiah. Jeremiah is found in the Old Testament, after Isaiah and before Lamentations. When you find it turn to chapter 33 and read verses 14-16.

A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14-16. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Summary to be used to aid in facilitating a discussion with your children.

Long ago the prophets used stories the people already knew, to help them watch for the savior. They said that when the savior comes, it would be like the great king David was still on the throne, back when you were safe and no armies and kings from other countries were taking over. It would be like when Moses parted the sea to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land. It would be like that very special prophet Elijah, coming back to make the people righteous again. The people knew about David and Moses and Elijah. David and Moses and Elijah were heroes to these people, so they knew that if the savior would be like these heroes- or even better than them – this savior must be really, really special. So they kept watching and hoping for when God would send the savior.

Even though we live a long time after Jesus, we still watch and hope for him, because he really is a very, very special savior.

1. Why do you think the people did not give up hope?
2. What examples do we have in the bible – God’s story of prophets who didn’t give up? (David, Moses, Elijah read above)
3. How did the people know that God would not break his promises?

### **Took**

Sometimes it is hard to wait when we are scared, confused or excited. We learn to wait because we have **HOPE** in a positive or happy outcome because we have learned about how good God is and he doesn’t break his promises.

1. What story can you share about how you wait for the birth of Jesus?
2. Are you excited? Happy? Explain why.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Close with the Advent word for week. The word is **HOPE**. Have each person use their name as they pray:

*God of Advent today we pray for **HOPE**. I (name) pray for XXXX. Amen.*

### **Family Activity : Flaunt the Color Purple**

Purple is the color most often associated with Advent. It is a visual reminder of the Advent Season. Purple is an Advent stoplight saying “Wait. It’s not Christmas yet, slow down and pay attention to this time. Decorate with it. Color with it. Cook with it. Write with it. Wear it. Flaunt the color purple!

