

BUCK DENVER & FRIENDSTM PRESENT...

EVERYDAY EMMANUEL

MAKING THE MOST OF CHRISTMAS
FOR BUSY FAMILIES



First Week of Advent: The Candle of Hope

This week, we are starting our celebration of Advent by lighting the first candle in our Advent wreath – the Candle of Hope.



PRAY

What were some of your favorite things that happened today? Let's pray to God and thank Him for those things! We can also ask Him to bless our time together as a family.



TALK

Tonight we are going to light the first candle on our Advent wreath – the Candle of Hope! How would you describe hope? What are some things you hope for?

The Israelites waited for many years for the Messiah that the prophets had promised. Their kingdom of Israel had been conquered and other people had tried to kill the Israelites. God sent prophets to remind them that He would take care of them. How do you think the Israelites felt waiting for so many years for the Messiah to come?



READ

Let's read some of God's word together.

- **Isaiah 7:14**
- **Isaiah 9:6**
- **Micah 5:2**
- **Revelation 21:1-7**



TALK

In that last passage, we are promised that Jesus will come again one day. Jesus promised that He would one day return again to us and that all things would be made new in Christ. There will be no more tears or suffering. In this season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus came once, but also prepare ourselves for Him to come again!



SING

Let's sing a song together to worship the Lord. **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** is one of the most beautiful songs we can sing at Advent. As we sing it together, let's think about how the Israelites must have felt waiting for the Messiah to come.

*O come, O Come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come Thou Day-Spring,
come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight!*

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LIGHT THE CANDLE

Light the first purple candle on your advent wreath and say this prayer:

Thank You, Father God, for Your many blessings, for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to the people of Israel and to us. Thank You for the promise of Hope – hope for the Israelites, and hope for us today. Amen.



TIP! Create your HOPE ornament as one of your family activities this week.

HOPE Ornament

Materials Needed:

- HOPE Ornament cut-out
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- Ribbon or Yarn
- Decorating items, such as glue and glitter, crayons, etc.



TIP! Tape or glue your ornament to an extra piece of poster board or card stock and then cut it out to help the ornament hang better on the tree.

Instructions:

Cut out the HOPE ornament below. Decorate it however you want – with crayons, markers, or use glue and different colors of glitter for each letter. Punch out the hole, tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through it, and hang it on your Christmas tree!



TIP! You can print extra copies of the HOPE Ornament at whatsinthebible.com/everydayemmanuel using the password “**advent**”. You’ll also find easy cut-outs for all of the ornaments on pages 46 & 47.

