

ADVENT : PEACE

Isaiah 9:6 — John 14:27

December 10, 2023

WHAT WE LEARNED

Advent means “arrival.” Peace is perfect contentment and rest in God. Jesus experienced the absence of peace with God on the cross so that we would never have to experience that ourselves. Now we can respond in gratitude, putting our faith in Him and seeking to spread His peace in the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Our sin has ruined the perfect peace God created.

- What is sin? Why are we humans so tempted by and prone to fall into sin? What are the lies we believe when we turn away from God?
- How did sin become part of our lives/world? What are the ways that sin ruins the peace between God and humans? Why can't we fix it on our own?
- Isaiah 9:6 says that Jesus is our Prince of Peace. When things are scary, what brings you peace?

2. Jesus restored our peace with God and commands us to be peacemakers.

- How does Jesus repair our peace with God? What did it cost Him? How should we respond to what Jesus has done for us?
- What does it mean that God calls us to be peacemakers? What are people or areas around you that you can seek to bring the peace of God to?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief.”

- 1 Timothy 1:15

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Luke 2:52 says “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” We can thank God for this reminder that even though Jesus was fully God, Jesus chose to become like us. It also reminds us that because Jesus grew in wisdom and height and favor with God and man, that He invites children to do the same. James 1:5 says that if we lack wisdom, God gives it abundantly to those who ask. We can all be in prayer throughout this week for God’s wisdom and strength and favor, trusting that God answers because His Word says He will.

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