



What's the Big Idea?

Advent is marked by the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The word *Advent* means "to come." During this special time of our church year, we watch, prepare and hope for the arrival of Jesus who came to bring light to the darkness.

This week's Advent theme is *Home*. Jesus came as a light to overcome the darkness and fill our hearts with hope. Our hearts house the love of Jesus that we shine into the world.



I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Advent Song

Each week of Advent, we'll sing a verse from hymn #240, *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*.



This week's verse—

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.*

Live It Together

Flashlight Tag with a Twist!

Turn off the lights in a room big enough to run or go outside when it's dark. One person is "it" and has a flashlight. The person who is it first closes their eyes and counts to ten while everyone else scatters. After counting to ten, the flashlight holder opens their eyes and tries to tag people with the beam of the light. When you are tagged, pause the game and name a way you can shine your light (aka, share the love of Jesus) for others. Switch off being it so everyone can take a turn!



Talk About It

Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:

1. Turn off all of the lights to create darkness (evening works best for this). Then, have a grown up light a match. Observe and talk about how even the tiniest bit of light can be seen in the darkness.
2. What makes your home so special? Share some of your favorite things about your home.
3. In what ways does your family shine the love Jesus out into the world? Are there ever times when it's hard to shine the love of Jesus?
4. Outside of your immediate family, who shines the love Jesus for you?

Pray: Dear God, we await the arrival of the Christ light with excited and hopeful hearts. Help us to create a warm and cozy space in our hearts for the love of Jesus to live within us so we may boldly shine your love back out into the world. Amen.

Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

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that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49:6**

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Home Is Where the Heart Is

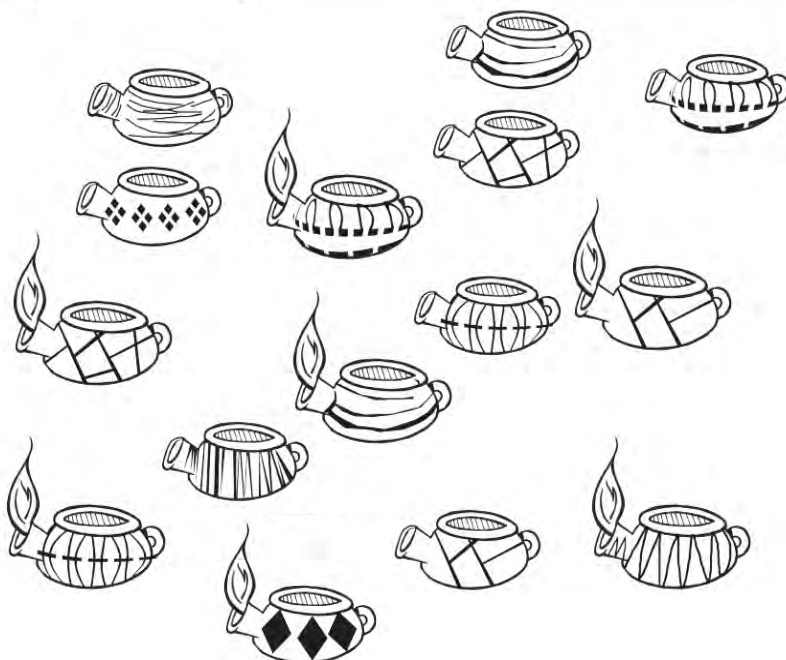


Our hearts house the love of Jesus that we shine into the world. Can you find some of the different names we use for the word, *home* below?

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Word Bank

- Abode
- House
- Lodging
- Quarters
- Casa
- Digs
- Pad
- Property
- Accommodation
- Chateau
- Shanty
- Villa
- Residence
- Burrow
- Habitat
- Cottage
- Shelter
- Outfit
- Manor
- Dwelling



The Light Overcomes the Darkness

Jesus came as a light to overcome the darkness. There are five pairs of matching oil lamps. Can you find each pair? Then, finish lighting all of the lamps so they can shine brightly!