



Growing FAITH at home

13 December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Advent is a time for joy as we
look to the birth of Jesus.

verse for the week
Always be joyful,
pray continually
and give thanks
whatever happens.
That is what God
wants for you in
Christ Jesus.
1 THESSALONIANS
5:16-18

Caring Conversations

share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

What does it
mean to be joyful?
Tell about a time
you were filled
with joy.



2

Is there a
difference
between joy
and happiness?
Explain your
answer.

3

The apostle Paul
tells Christians
to be "joyful
always".
Why can all
Christians be
joyful?
How do we
show our joy?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 1:6-8, 19-28	John's witness to the light
M	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1	Good news of deliverance
T	Thessalonians 5:16-24	A call to rejoice
W	Luke 1:46b-55	Mary's song of praise
T	Psalm 63:1-8	In God's presence I sing for joy
F	Acts 16:25-34	A jailer is filled with joy
S	Psalm 126	A people who dream
S	Luke 1:26-38	The birth of Jesus foretold

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we
are joyful because
of you. Help us
to be thankful
no matter what
happens each day.
Amen.

BLESSING

God is the
God who gives
peace. May he
make you holy
through and
through.

Creative Response

Advent is a time to slow down, savour and
see things in the light of Christ.

Use or imagine a nativity set. Hold or imagine one piece of
your nativity set each day.

Think what it was like to be that character in Bethlehem.
What did that character see? Experience? Hear?
How was that person changed? How are you changed?

Talk about your thoughts with family and friends.

Conclude by singing *Away in a Manger*.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, you fill the hungry with good things.
With all my heart I praise the Lord, and I am glad
because of God my saviour. Amen.

Service



We show the joy that
we have because of
Jesus by putting others
ahead of ourselves.

Share your Christmas
joy with your
neighbours by baking
Christmas cookies for
them. If possible, use
icing to write the word
"joy" on the cookies.



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