

# HOPE *is* BORN

## ADVENT WEEK TWO: PEACE

### Scripture Focus:

Luke 1:46-55 (Mary's Song of Praise | The Magnificat)

Isaiah 9:6

### Devotion Recap:

- God sent His Son into the world through Mary, a humble, ordinary girl, and she responded with worship and peace, not fear.
- Mary's peace flowed into praise. She celebrated all God had done, even though her situation was not easy.
- Real peace doesn't mean God removes every struggle.
- Peace is the presence of the One who is trustworthy in every situation.
- Christmas brought us peace because peace is a person: Jesus Himself.

### Conversation Starters

Use these questions to help your family reflect on the true meaning of God's peace:

**1. What does "peace" mean to you?**

Is it quiet or calm? Is peace something you experience on the inside? the outside? Both? Discuss.

**2. When you think about peace in your own life, what comes to mind?**

Are there places or times when you feel more unsettled or worried?

**3. Do you think peace means the absence of problems?**

Why or why not?

**4. How did Mary experience peace in the Christmas story?**

What did she do when she felt that peace? (she praised God/worshiped)

What can we learn from Mary's response?

**5. How does Jesus bring peace to your life?** (See Ephesians 2:13-17)

How can you daily remind yourself of the peace that passes all understanding? (See Philippians 4:4-9)



\*see next page for family activities.

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## Family Christmas Activities

Each activity connects your family to the theme of PEACE.

Choose one or try all three throughout the week.

### 1. Peace Prayer Walk

Take a prayer walk around your neighborhood or a prayer drive with family or friends around your city this Christmas season. Pray for the people who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would come to know the peace that only Christ can bring. Ask God to give you opportunities to share his hope and peace with others.

### 2. Create notecards of hope and peace.

If there are certain times and places where fear, loneliness, or anxiety creep in, put HOPE & PEACE in those places! Write on a note card, post-it note, or piece of paper a truth from God's Word that reminds you of the hope and peace that only He can bring. Place it in your room, on your bathroom mirror, in your car, in your locker, on your work desk, etc. You may even want to make a project out of it, taking time to creatively decorate the card(s) with markers, stickers, etc.

If you have younger children, write the scripture for them and have them decorate it. Read it to them often.

You might also choose to go digital with this activity! Make a screen saver or lock screen for your device that reminds you of your hope and peace is found in Christ alone!

### 3. Praise Playlist

Make a short family playlist of songs that inspire you to worship God and give Him praise! Talk about how Mary's peace overflowed into praise. As we worship God, we are reminded that He is near and He alone is our source of peace. Be intentional to use this playlist throughout the Christmas season to set the atmosphere of your home to be one of peace and praise.

### Worship:

Listen to these Christmas Carols and Worship Songs to go along with this week's Advent Devotion:

- "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Casting Crowns
- "O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)" by Passion
- "It is Well" by Anthem Lights
- "Psalm 34" by Shane & Shane
- "Tremble" by Mosaic

\*see next page for coloring sheet

*Do not be afraid, Mary,  
for you have found  
favor with God.*

LUKE 1:30

