

At Advent, we remember Christ's first coming to anticipate when He comes again. Throughout Scripture, God's people had been longing for the Messiah who would come. This week, read prophecies both made about and fulfilled by Jesus Christ, and remember that He came to take away the sin of the world.

November 30

Read: 2 Samuel 7:12-17 / Luke 1:30-33 / Revelation 11:15-17

Pray: God is King, and His reign will never end. Pray that He would help you submit to His authority.

December 1

Read: Isaiah 7:10-17 / Matthew 1:18-25

Ponder: Immanuel means "God with us." Why is God's presence with His people significant?

December 2 **Read:** Micah 5:2-4 / Matthew 2:1-6

Pray: Thank God that Jesus rules over us, shepherds and cares for us, and is our peace.

December 3 **Read:** Hosea 11:1 / Matthew 2:13-15

Practice: Talk with others about what biblical prophecy is. Why did God give Old Testament prophets to foreshadow the coming of Jesus?

December 4 **Read:** Isaiah 42:1-9 / Matthew 12:15-21

Practice: Share with someone about the hope you have in Jesus.

December 5 **Read:** Genesis 3:8-15 / 1 John 3:4-8

Ponder: Why does it bring us hope that in the beginning, God promised One who would destroy the works of the devil?

December 6 Read: Isaiah 40:3-5 / John 1:1-30

Ponder: John the Baptist pointed to the coming of the Lord. In your daily life, how can you point others to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?

Practice: Purpose to gather with your church family tomorrow.

December 7

Read: Isaiah 9:1-7; Philippians 3:8-14 | Big Truth: Jesus followers long for the King Practice: Talk about what you most long for. Is there anything you want more than the return of the King?

God kept His promise to send the Messiah, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. As we remember Jesus' first coming, we trust that God will continue to keep His promises. This week, read passages that point us to the reality that our trust is not found in today's circumstances, and in anticipation set your hope on the day when Jesus comes again.

December 8

Read: Philippians 4:4-20

Practice: What does Paul say is the secret to facing any earthly circumstance? Talk about this with your family or friends.

December 9 Read: Psalm 56

Pray: Ask God to deepen your trust in Him.

December 10

Read: Psalm 20 **Practice:** Confess any areas of your life where you are tempted to trust in something or someone other than the Lord.

December 11 Read: Proverbs 3:1-12

Ponder: Why is it so easy for us to lean on our own understanding, doing what is right in our own eyes?

December 12

Read: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Ponder: What does Scripture tell us is the result of our trust in the Lord?

December 13

Read: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Pray: Ask God to comfort those who are suffering and give them endurance to glorify Him. Ask God to strengthen your resolve to stand firm in trials and trust Him.

Practice: Purpose to gather with your church family tomorrow.

December 14

Read: 1 Peter 1:1-9 | Big Truth: Jesus followers trust the King Ponder: Do you trust and rejoice that the fullness of your salvation lies ahead?

At Advent, we remember Jesus' first coming to anticipate His second coming. This week, read the gospel accounts to

remember and rejoice in the first coming of Christ.

December 15 Read: Matthew 1:1-17

Practice: Read through the genealogy of Jesus. How many of the names do you recognize? Choose a couple to go back and

read their story from the Old Testament.

December 16 **Read:** Matthew 1:18-25

Pray: Thank God that He sent Jesus to save His people from their sins.

December 17

Read: Matthew 2:1-23 Practice: Use the maps in your Bible to trace the events of Matthew 2. Talk about the importance of the prophecies fulfilled

and the providence of God to orchestrate everything according to His plan. December 18

Read: Luke 1:1-25 Ponder: Why is John the Baptist important? What special role does he play in this narrative?

December 19

Read: Luke 1:26-56

world. This week, read and meditate on Scripture that reminds us our King is coming soon.

Practice: Have a conversation with someone where you talk about the great things that the Lord has done, and give Him

glory. Holy is His name.

December 20 **Read:** Luke 1:57-80

Pray: Thank God for the peace that is found in Jesus.

Practice: Purpose to gather with your church family tomorrow.

December 21 Read: Luke 2:1-21 | Big Truth: Jesus followers rejoice in the King

Practice: Rejoice that Christ has come, and rejoice that He is coming again!

December 22

What are you seeking for, wanting, looking for, chasing after? In Christ, we seek the King whose kingdom is not of this

Read: Matthew 25:31-46

Ponder: What does this passage teach us about how God's people are to live while we wait for Him to come in glory?

December 23

Read: 2 Peter 3:1-14 Practice: Consider any areas of your life where you are not living a life of holiness and godliness. Repent of these, and resolve

to wait well for the coming day of the Lord.

December 24

and will one day return in exaltation.

Read: Acts 1:1-11 Ponder: Meditate on Jesus who came in humility as a baby, died in humility on a cross, rose in exaltation defeating death,

December 25

Read: Hebrews 9:24-28

Pray: Thank God that Jesus came once to deal with sins and will come a second time to save those who are waiting for Him.

December 26 Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Ponder: How are you tempted to find peace and security in this life? How can you be sober-minded, staying awake, and building one another up as we wait to obtain our salvation through Christ our Lord?

December 27

Read: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Ponder: Do you love the appearing of the Lord? **Practice:** Purpose to gather with your church family tomorrow.

December 28

December 29

Read: Luke 2:22-38; Matthew 6:19-33 | Big Truth: Jesus followers seek the King Ponder: Throughout your everyday life, how can you be intentional to seek the King and His kingdom?

Read: Revelation 21:1-6

Pray: Thank God for the promise of new creation.

Read: Revelation 22:1-21 Pray: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

December 30

December 31

Read: Psalm 65 Ponder: What are you praying for- for yourself, your family, and our church family as we begin a new year?

Pray: Commit to trusting Jesus with all things that He will bring in 2026, because He is good and is worthy of praise. He is our