



2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Theme: Peace Nativity Character: Jesus

Christmas Theme: Christmas Trees

This week's advent theme is peace.

Light Second Advent Candle: (Sing song on next page)

Peace can be a difficult word to define. You hear people talk about world peace, having no more wars. And people want to feel peaceful. But what do you think it means for Christians? Read Romans 5:8 and 10:13

According to these verses we can have peace in our hearts knowing that God sent Jesus to pay for our sins. We belong to God. So, no matter what happens here, God is taking care of us. (add Jesus to stable pictures)

Watch Video: Follow the link to Douglas Talks – Christmas – Christmas Trees
<https://douglastalks.com/watch-douglas-talks/>

We can believe the promises we read about in Romans because God is trustworthy. He will never change. That includes His love for each of you.

Craft:

Make a Family Handprint Christmas tree to remind you of God's unchanging character.

Play Pictionary:

Have fun with this Christmas version of the game. Give them a word from the list to draw. See if the rest of the class can guess it in one minute.

Advent Song for Younger Children:

Stand in a circle holding hands, sing to the tune of “Ring Around the Rosy”

Ring around the Advent wreath	(walk around the circle)
1 Candle for each week	(hold up 1 finger)
Waiting, waiting	(walk forward then back)
‘Til they all are lit!	(throw your arms up and say the theme of the week, hope, love, joy, or peace)

Advent Song for Older Children:

This is a variation of “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”. You can hear the tune at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>. The hand motions are: geyser - place palms together, raise them up then open and arc down, ocean - place hands on belly, bring out and open, joy - make a silly statue pose, river - use hand to make a wavy motion, alternate hands. For the last verse do all the motions in rapid succession.

1. I've got hope like a geyser
I've got hope like a geyser
I've got hope like a geyser in my soul
(repeat)

3. I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
(repeat)

2. I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
(repeat)

4. I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

5. I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul
(repeat)

Family Handprint Christmas Tree

Supplies: Paper Towel Roll (optional: paint brown), Light cardboard painted yellow (or another star topper), Green Paper, Tree Decorations, Paper Plate, Tea Towel or Fabric Scrap

Directions:

1. Cut out a triangle shape 10"x11" from cardboard for your body of the Christmas handprint tree. You can use an x-acto knife to cut it out from a shipping box we had. Adults only should do this part.
2. Cut two slits into the paper towel roll so that you can slide the triangle cardboard piece into it. Cut three slits on the opposite end and fold them back. Tape the flaps to your paper plate base.
3. Now you can trace and cut handprints from all the family members. Once you have 15 handprints you can start to tape to your tree! You'll want to use the larger sizes on the bottom.
4. Here is the # of handprints you'll need: 5 on the bottom, then 4 above those, then 3 above those and then 2 and then 1. You should have a total of 15 handprints on your tree when you're done!
5. Now you can decorate your handprint Christmas tree! You can add stickers, gems, color in some bulbs, make ornaments out of construction paper - there are so many ideas kids can do to decorate!
6. As a finishing touch to cover the taped bottom, add a tea towel to make it look like the Christmas tree skirt. And that's it!



HANDPRINT CHRISTMAS TREE

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Pictionary Words

Rudolph

Elf

Angel

Sack of Toys

Manger

Christmas Lights

Snowman

Wreath

Candy Cane

Stocking

Ornaments

Frosty the Snowman

Gift

The Grinch

Sleigh

Christmas Cards

Baby Jesus

The Nutcracker

Caroling

Christmas Cookies

Jingle Bells

Star

Christmas Tree

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6



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