



4th Sunday of Advent

Advent Theme: Love Nativity Characters: Mary & Joseph

Christmas Theme: Christmas Lights

This week's advent theme is love. Love is everything. It is what motivated God to create humans and why He wanted to save them. Baby Jesus was God's gift of His love to the world. How can an act of love change a situation? What are you willing to do for someone you love? Read Romans 5:6-9

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

Mary and Joseph are the characters for this week. How unlikely a choice was this couple? Can you think of other times in the Bible God chose unlikely people? If we, like Mary and Joseph, are imperfect, not wealthy, not famous or not a lot of things that seem worthwhile, what do you think God needs for a person to have to fulfil His will? Read Luke 2:41-51

Read a Silly Story: Complete the fill-in-story below. Then laugh at the funny results.

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

Craft: Christmas Light Stencil Art

See the directions on one of the following pages. Discuss the video while kids are crafting.

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)

More Lights! Fill-in-Story

Have one person be the writer. Don't let anyone else see the story. Ask family members for each blank line's item. Fill in the blanks then read your story.

More Lights!



Did you ever have one of those _____?
(nouns)
Well today _____ did! Mom wanted
(person)
to _____ up for _____. Not
(verb) (nouns) (holiday)
just any lights, _____ lights. _____
(color) (adjective) (color)
lights! _____ bright red lights. The only
(adjective)
problem, they are a _____ mess!
(verb/ed)
Not to mention that there are some
_____, yellow and green lights _____
(vegetable) (verb/ed)
in. " _____!" I yell! This can't be done!
(person)
She could _____ I was right and went
(verb)
out and _____ some new shiny _____
(verb) (color)
lights!



Christmas Light Chalk Stencil Art

Materials:

- Thick paper (ex. card stock, file folders, cereal box, paper plate)
- Scissors and a pencil
- Colored chalk
- Cotton balls
- Black construction paper (or another dark color)

Directions

1. Fold a piece of your thick cardboard in half and draw half of a lightbulb shape (with the center of the lightbulb going down the fold).
2. Cut it out. This is what you will use for your stencil.
3. Use white chalk to draw a wire for the Christmas lights across the width of the dark paper. Draw the base of four lightbulbs where you'll be placing the stencil.
4. Place your stencil on top of the first base and outline it with a piece of colored chalk.
5. Still holding the stencil in place, use a cotton ball to brush the chalk away from the stencil. Do this all the way around the lightbulb stencil. Remove your stencil and admire your brilliant lightbulb!
6. Continue using different colored chalk for each lightbulb down the wire. When you're done write one word in each light bulb so your art says, "Jesus is the light!"

