

Kids'
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Celebrating Advent

Advent is a joyful time when we get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember how He came to us as a baby in Bethlehem, just like God said He would (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 2:11). Advent also helps us look forward to the day Jesus will come again to make the world new and full of peace (John 14:3; Revelation 22:12). During this season, we practice waiting, trusting, and celebrating God's wonderful promise that Jesus came for us—and will come again.

Waiting for the King



Read Isaiah 9:6



Big Truth God promised to send Jesus, the King!



Talk About It

Have you ever had to wait for something exciting, like your birthday or Christmas?

Was it hard or fun to wait?

Why do you think God made His people wait for Jesus?

ACTIVITY

Draw a crown for Jesus, the King we are waiting for.

God's Forever Plan



Read Genesis 3:15



Big Truth God planned from the start to send Jesus.



Talk About It

Who makes plans in your family (like for dinner or a trip)?

Do plans always work out, or do they sometimes change?

How is God's plan different from our plans?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big heart to remind you that God loves us and has a plan.

Hope Is Coming



Read Psalm 27:13-14



Big Truth Jesus gives us hope.



Talk About It

What's something that makes you excited for the future?

How do you feel when you know something good is coming soon?

Why do you think Jesus gives us hope?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big smiley face for hope and joy in Jesus.

The Light Shines



Read Isaiah 60:1



Big Truth Jesus is the Light in the darkness.



Talk About It

What happens when you turn on a light in a dark room?

How does light help us see better?

How do you think Jesus is like a light for us?

ACTIVITY

Draw a candle or star to remind you of Jesus' light.

God Chooses Mary



Read Luke 1:30-31



Big Truth God chose Mary to be Jesus' mom.



Talk About It

Has anyone ever chosen you for something special (like a game or job)?

How do you think Mary felt when God chose her?

Why is it important that Mary said “yes” to God?

ACTIVITY

Draw Mary holding baby Jesus.

Joseph Trusts God



Read Matthew 1:20



Big Truth Jesus gives us hope.



Talk About It

What's something that makes you excited for the future?

How do you feel when you know something good is coming soon?

Why do you think Jesus gives us hope?

ACTIVITY

Draw Joseph and Mary walking together.

Good News of Great Joy



Read Luke 2:10



Big Truth Jesus' birth is the best news ever!



Talk About It

What's the best news you've ever heard?

How did it make you feel?

Why do you think Jesus' birth is such good news?

ACTIVITY

Draw yourself jumping for joy.

Jesus Brings Peace



Read Isaiah 9:6



Big Truth Jesus gives us peace.



Talk About It

What does peace feel like?

When do you feel calm and safe?

How can Jesus help us have peace when we're worried?

ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of yourself resting peacefully.

A Humble King



Read Luke 2:7



Big Truth Jesus is the King, born in a humble way.



Talk About It

Where would you expect a king to be born?

Why do you think Jesus came in such a simple way?

What does this show us about God's love?

ACTIVITY

Draw baby Jesus in the manger.

The Shepherds Hear the News



Read Luke 2:15



Big Truth God told the shepherds first.



Talk About It

Why do you think God chose shepherds to hear first?

How do you think the shepherds felt when they saw angels?

Who would you want to share good news with?

ACTIVITY

Draw shepherds looking up at the angels.

Angels Sing Praise



Read Luke 2:14



Big Truth Angels praised God when Jesus was born.



Talk About It

What does peace feel like?

When do you feel calm and safe?

How can Jesus help us have peace when we're worried?

ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of yourself resting peacefully.

Wise Men Follow the Star



Read Matthew 2:2



Big Truth The wise men followed the star to find Jesus.



Talk About It

Have you ever followed directions or a map?

Why do you think the wise men wanted to see Jesus so much?

How can we follow Jesus today?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big shining star in the sky.

Gifts for the King



Read Matthew 2:11



Big Truth The wise men brought gifts to honor Jesus.



Talk About It

What kind of gifts do you like to give?

Why do you think the wise men brought special gifts?

What can you give to Jesus (like love, time, prayer)?

ACTIVITY

Draw the three gifts the wise men gave.

Jesus Brings Joy



Read Luke 2:20



Big Truth Meeting Jesus fills us with joy.



Talk About It

When do you feel really happy?

Why do you think the shepherds were so joyful?

How can we show joy at Christmas?

ACTIVITY

Draw yourself smiling and praising God.

God Keeps His Promises



Read 2 Corinthians 1:20



Big Truth God always keeps His promises.



Talk About It

Has someone ever promised you something?

Did they keep their promise?

How does it feel to know God never breaks His promises?

ACTIVITY

Draw a rainbow to remind you of God's promises.

Jesus Is God's Son



Read Matthew 3:17



Big Truth Jesus is God's special Son.



Talk About It

What makes someone special in your family?

Why do you think God told everyone Jesus was His Son?

How does knowing Jesus is God's Son help us trust Him?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big heart and write "Jesus" in the middle.

Emmanuel: God with Us



Read Matthew 1:23



Big Truth Jesus is God with us.



Talk About It

Who do you like being with?

How does it feel to know Jesus is always with you?

Why is it good news that God came close to us?

ACTIVITY

Draw Jesus standing next to you.

Jesus Is the Good Shepherd



Read John 10:11



Big Truth Jesus cares for us as shepherds care for sheep.



Talk About It

Have you ever seen sheep or animals being cared for?

What does a shepherd do to help the sheep?

How does Jesus take care of us?

ACTIVITY

Draw a shepherd with his sheep.

Jesus Is the Bread of Life



Read John 6:35



Big Truth Jesus gives us everything we need.



Talk About It

What's your favorite food?

How does food help us grow strong?

How do you think Jesus helps us grow?

ACTIVITY

Draw bread on a plate to remind you of Jesus.

Jesus Is the Lamb of God



Read John 1:29



Big Truth Jesus takes away our sins.



Talk About It

What happens when you make a mistake?

How does it feel to know Jesus forgives us?

Why do you think John called Jesus “the Lamb of God”?

ACTIVITY

Draw a lamb with a cross.

Jesus Is the Savior



Read Luke 2:11



Big Truth Jesus is our Savior!



Talk About It

What does a rescuer do?

How does Jesus rescue us from sin?

Why do we need a Savior?

ACTIVITY

Draw Jesus with open arms saving us.

Jesus Is the King of Kings



Read Revelation 19:16



Big Truth Jesus is the greatest King of all.



Talk About It

What do kings usually do?

Why is Jesus the best King?

How can we honor Him as our King?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big throne for King Jesus.

Jesus Brings Love



Read John 3:16



Big Truth Jesus is God's gift of love.



Talk About It

Who loves you?

How do you show love to others?

How did God show His love to us at Christmas?

ACTIVITY

Draw a heart with a cross inside.

The Greatest Gift



Read Romans 6:23



Big Truth Jesus is the greatest gift ever given.



Talk About It

What's the best gift you've ever gotten?

Why is Jesus the best gift of all?

How can we say "thank you" to God for His gift?

ACTIVITY

Draw a big present with "Jesus" on it.

Jesus Is Here!



Read John 1:14



Big Truth Jesus came to earth to be with us!



Talk About It

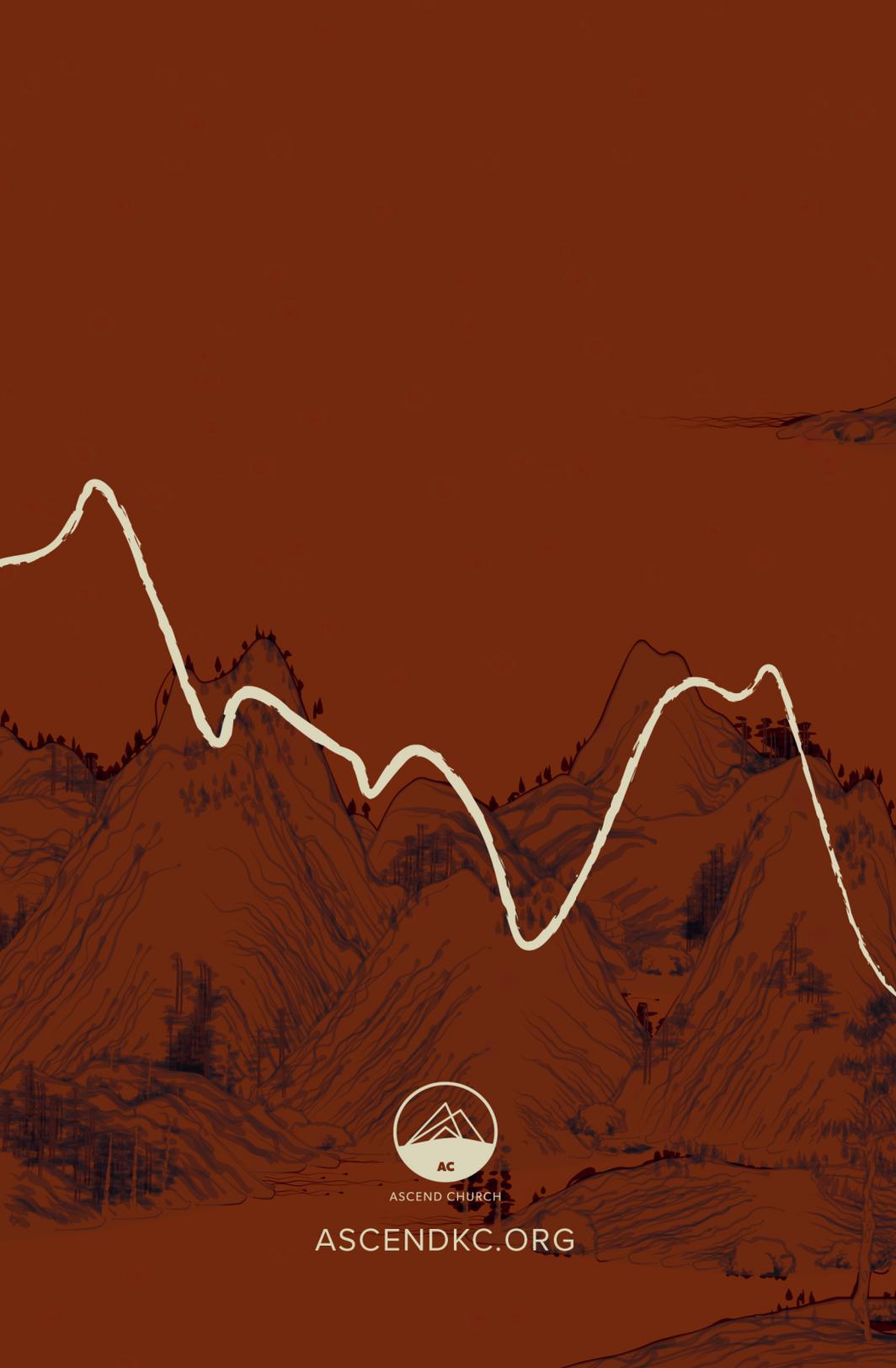
How do you feel when someone you love comes to visit you?

How does it make you feel to know Jesus came for you?

What's one way you can celebrate Jesus today?

ACTIVITY

Draw baby Jesus with a big "Happy Birthday" banner.



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