

Family Worship Guide Week of November 30th, 2014



This Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means “arrival” or “coming” which is fitting for the season because we are simultaneously looking back toward the arrival of the lowly baby Jesus while longing for the day in the future where King Jesus will come back in glory.

REVIEW

This week we focused on answering these two questions: *“How did people know Jesus had come?”* and *“Why did God send Jesus?”* Have your kids tell you about what they learned this week in SC Kids.

Read Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, 1 John 4:10

DISCUSS

What is the sign that God would give?

A virgin will have a son and his name will be Immanuel.

What does Immanuel mean?

God with us.

Who was called Immanuel?

Jesus.

Why did God send Jesus?

To show his love for us and pay for (propitiate) our sins.

Be sure to find an Advent calendar and devotional to include in your family worship time during this season. Look on The City for some suggestions from Pastor Justin.

SING

Singing is one of the most common forms of worship. In fact, Psalm 96 is all about singing praise to God. You can incorporate singing into your family worship by singing along with a recorded Christmas hymn or by singing a cappella.

PRAY

The great preacher, Charles Spurgeon, said “No man can progress in grace if he forsakes prayer.” As parents, we must lift our children up in prayer and teach them how to pray for the sake of growing in grace. Take time to pray for each child, people in your MC and friends and neighbors who need to meet Jesus.



Preschool

Q 1. Who made you?

A 1. God

Psalm 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Elementary (in addition)

Q 2. What else did God make?

A 2. God made all things.

Col 1:16 - 17 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.