

Family Worship Guide Week of December 14th, 2014



This Sunday was the third 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 should we respond to Jesus’ birth?*” and “*Why can Christians have joy?*” Have your kids tell you about what they learned this week in SC Kids.

Read Matthew 2:1-12 or “The King of all Kings” in the *Jesus Storybook Bible*.

DISCUSS

How did the 3 kings (wisemen) find baby Jesus?

They followed a great star that God hung in the sky.

What did King Herod think about this baby that would one day be a king?

He didn’t like it at all because he thought the baby would take his power away from him.

What did the 3 kings (wisemen) bring baby Jesus?

Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Very expensive gifts to give a baby.

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 additional 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. Find a few favorites and teach your kids the lyrics

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 3. Why did God make you and all things?

A 3. For his own glory.

Isa 43: 6b - 7 "Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Elementary (add)

Q 4. How can you glorify God?

A 4. By loving Him and doing what He commands.

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

1 John 5:3 This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.