

Family Worship Guide Week of December 21st, 2014



This Sunday was the fourth 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 Psalm 98:1-9 and Luke 2:10.

DISCUSS

What is praise?

Celebrating God’s love for us.

Why should we praise God?

He send Jesus to save us from our sins.

Why are we especially filled with joy at Christmas?

Jesus came into the world as a baby.

Read Psalm 98:1 aloud. In the Bible, Jesus did many miraculous things! He healed sick people, made food where there was none, and even raised people from the dead.

Has God done any miraculous things for you? Tell us some ways that God has been wonderful to you.

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. Joy to the World would be a perfect song for this week’s lesson.

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 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.

Elementary (add)

Q 5. Why should you glorify God?

A 5. Because He made me and takes care of me.

Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."