

Advent Week 1

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Leader: And his love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

One purple candle is lit (traditionally by the youngest child; however, you may want all of your children to share in this activity). During the rest of the week, this candle is relit at the evening meal or whenever the family gathers for together for Advent devotions/prayers.

Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

Pause for silent prayer

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in our faith so that the day of his coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

All: Amen.

Suggested Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 7:10-14

Matthew 1:18-24

