

Advent Reading Plan 2025

Week 1 – HOPE

God's promises of the Messiah.

- **December 1:** Isaiah 9:1-7 – Hope foretold
- **Dec. 2:** Genesis 3:1-15 – The first promise of hope
- **Dec. 3:** Jeremiah 33:1-16 – The righteous Branch
- **Dec. 4:** Psalm 130 – Waiting on the Lord
- **Dec. 5:** Micah 5:1-15 – The ruler from Bethlehem
- **Dec. 6:** Isaiah 40:1-11 – Comfort in distress

Week 2 – PEACE

God's peace in a troubled world.

- **Sunday, Dec. 7:** Isaiah 11:1-10 – The peaceful kingdom
- **Dec. 8:** Luke 1:57-79 – Christ brings peace
- **Dec. 9:** Isaiah 54:1-17 – A covenant of peace
- **Dec. 10:** John 14:1-6, 25-2 – Peace Jesus gives
- **Dec. 11:** Colossians 3:12-17 – Let peace rule
- **Dec. 12:** Psalm 85 – God's peace and salvation
- **Dec. 13:** Philippians 4:4-9 – Peace that guards hearts

Week 3 – JOY

Rejoicing in God's salvation.

- **Sunday, Dec. 14:** Luke 1:39-56 – Mary's song of joy
- **Dec 15:** Psalm 16 – Joy in God's presence
- **Dec. 16:** Isaiah 35 – Joy in the redeemed
- **Dec. 17:** Habakkuk 3:17-19 – Joy despite circumstances
- **Dec. 18:** John 15:9-17 – Joy in abiding in Christ
- **Dec. 19:** 1 Peter 1:1-9 – Joy in salvation
- **Dec. 20:** Luke 2:8-20 – Good news of great joy

Week 4 – LOVE

God's love revealed

- **Sunday, Dec. 21:** John 3:16-21 – God's greatest gift
- **Dec. 22:** Romans 8:31-39 – God's eternal love
- **Dec. 23:** 1 John 4:7-21 – Love made visible
- **Dec. 24:** John 1:1-18 – Love came down
- **Dec. 25 (Christmas Day):** Luke 2:1-20 – God's gift of love

Tools for Bible Study: Engaging with and Applying God's Word

As you read through a chapter of Scripture take time to reflect and journal on the following questions:

What does God reveal about Himself in the text?

What does God reveal about me?

What promise or truth does God have for me in these verses?

Is there a specific command I am called to follow? How is God asking me to be obedient?

How can I apply this text to my current situation? (i.e. What is God asking me to do?)

SPECK Acronym (Great tool to use with kids and youth)

As you read God's Word ask the following questions. We encourage you to keep a journal:

- S - Is there a SIN to confess and avoid?
- P - Is there a PROMISE to keep?
- E - Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?
- C - Is there a COMMAND to obey?
- K - Is there KNOWLEDGE of God I need to reflect on?

SOAP Acronym- helpful method of digging deeper into God's Word

S – SCRIPTURE

Highlight or write out Bible verse/s that speak to you.

You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you when you slow down to write or meditate on what you are reading!

O – OBSERVATION

What do you see in the verses you're reading?

Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you? What is the main lesson or theme?

A – APPLICATION

When God's Word becomes personal

What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my life? Are there any changes I need to make?

P – PRAYER

Pray God's Word back to Him

If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life. Take time to thank Him for His goodness in your life.