

Advent is a special time to celebrate the first coming of Jesus while eagerly anticipating his return. Advent means "coming" and is a season to thank God for the birth of Jesus and for his presence among us today through the promised Holy Spirit, while also preparing our hearts for his arrival at the end of the age.

The questions and scripture are designed to spark meaningful, joyful conversations with your family as you celebrate the wonder of the Advent season.

Each week:

Week 1: King of Hope

Week 2: King of Peace

Week 3: King of Joy

Week 4: King of Love

Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

Read the weekly passages aloud, pray together, invite the Holy Spirit, and discuss these questions:

- What does this say about God?
- What does this say about people?
- What is this passage saying to me?
- Who can I share this with?

Week 1: King of Hope

- DBS: Isaiah 9:2
- Where do you tend to play your hope first: your plans, people, or God? How does that affect your peace?
- What's one small way we can hope others see or feel the hope of Christ through us this week?
- How do you see Jesus's example of humility reflected in the Christmas story?
- What's one Christmas tradition you hope our family keeps forever?

• What's a Christmas present you remember really wanting? (Child to parent)

Week 2: King of Peace

- DBS: Isaiah 9:6
- Which name of Jesus mentioned in Isaiah 9:6 resonates with you the most?
- What's one Christmas decoration that must go up every year?
- What smells or sounds instantly make you feel like it's Christmas?
- What Christmas song best describes our family?
- If you could give any gift without limits, what would it be, and who would you give
 it to?

Week 3: King of Joy

- DBS: Isaiah 7:14
- If you could ask the shepherds one question about seeing Jesus, what would it be?
- If you could create a brand-new Christmas tradition, what would it be?
- What gift would you bring to Jesus if you visited him in the manger?
- Who in our family is most likely to peek at their present early?
- What's one gift you received that meant more than you expected?

Week 4: King of Love

- DBS: John 3:16
- What do you think Mary and Joseph were thinking on the night that Jesus was born?
- What's a special gift (not something you buy) that you could give someone this Christmas?
- What do you think the wisemen's journey teaches us about faith?
- What's your favorite ornament on the tree and why?
- What's something you've learned about God this Advent season?