

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS at VICTORY

Leader Conversation Guide – Advent Production: Christmas at Victory

Main Idea

What a beautiful production to kick off our Advent - Christmas at Victory series! Pastor Josh and his family brought to life a musical telling of the four themes of Advent from the perspective of Joseph! A great reminder of the arrival of Jesus and the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy we can have in Him! The word Advent is described as "The arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." We acknowledge Advent in the Christmas season to celebrate the arrival of the light of the world! No matter what happens in our lives, the darkness cannot stop the Light. Let's be a light to others this Christmas season as we celebrate Jesus' light coming into the world!

"The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

John 1:4-5 NLT

Make it Practical

- **HOPE.** "When there's no hope in my lungs anymore. I will hope in the Lord!" On our darkest, most difficult days, remember that Jesus is Immanuel "God with Us". When you feel like all hope is lost, we can place our hope in Christ.
- **PEACE.** "The peace of God will be enough, enough for us." In Jesus alone, there is a peace that passes all understanding! Isaiah 9:6 says "the Child will be named... Prince of peace." Only through Jesus can we find true peace!
- **LOVE.** "Love is the promise." 1 John 4:8 says "But anyone who does not love, does not know God, for God is love." When we love others, we are shaping ourselves to be more like Him.
- **JOY.** "It's all joy." There is joy in knowing Christ has come and is coming again! When we place our focus and hope in Him, we can experience the comfort and joy that only He can provide. There is joy in knowing and trusting Him!

Talk About It

- More than ever, we need Jesus! As we reflect on the themes of Advent, which of these areas do you need to trust in Him this Christmas season?
- What is a special tradition your family does or has done for Christmas?
- If you don't have a tradition, what is a tradition you and your family/loved ones can begin to celebrate the birth of Christ?

Prayer

Father, thank You for being the light of the world that no darkness can overcome. On our darkest, most difficult days, help us remember that there is nothing that can quench Your light. Let us draw to You as our source of Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy! We thank You for the gift of Your son Jesus! In Your wonderful name, Amen!

Leader Tip

This world needs Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy. More than ever before! This Christmas season, share the message of Jesus with others. Over the next few weeks we will be unpacking each of the themes of Advent! Invite someone to our Advent - Christmas at Victory series!