# Advent Candle Lighting

## Light the candle of Hope

Read: Isaiah 9:2 & Luke 2:25-35

God was offering His people hope in Isaiah 9:2 by promising a light that would come to expel the darkness. Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to bring salvation to all people. Simeon had the audacity to hope that God would come through, even after years of waiting.

### Light the candles of Hope & Peace Read: Isaiah 9:6 & Luke 2:8-14

God promised in Isaiah that a day was coming when the Messiah would come and usher in a government of peace. The angels bring good news to the lowly shepherds and confirm that a new and unexpected way to govern was coming to pass that would indeed bring peace on earth.

#### Light the candles of Hope, Peace & Joy Read: Isaiah 40:3-5 & Luke 1:8-20.57-66

God would prepare the way for Christ's birth through his cousin John. John's unlikely conception and birth bring his father Zechariah great joy because this child would be one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Messiah's coming.

#### Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love Read: Isaiah 7:14 & Luke 1:26-38

God's promise in Isaiah is that He would come to dwell with His people and to rescue them. This is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ, who is known as Immanuel, God with us. Jesus made a great sacrifice, giving up the splendors of heaven to come to earth. But He did more than just live among us, because of His great love, He provided a way for us to have eternal life. Jesus became the Savior of the world.

#### Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and the Jesus candle Read: John 1:6-15

Christmas Eve we celebrate that Jesus came as the Messiah, the One who would save the people from their sins. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies spoken of Him through the ages, and in Jesus, we see a beautiful picture of the fullness of God.









