

Celebrating Advent with Children

Little Dreamers: Children's Lessons for Advent through Epiphany

Attached you will find some very simple lessons that you and your family can use during Advent. Each Sunday, light a candle from your wreath and watch the video from the Little People, Big Dreams series on YouTube. The links can be found on our website or you can just look them up. They are short and both adults and children will learn about someone who has helped our world in some way. There are questions, a brief message based on the scripture and a short prayer.

The lessons are suggestions-do what works for your family!

Star Words to use as Daily Devotional

Pick a star word each day and use that word for daily meditation and prayer. After you draw your daily star word, you might display it in your home by adding it to ribbon, a tassel, or tinsel and stringing it on your Christmas tree, into a wreath, or along your mantle. Get creative—seek beautiful ways to add your daily star words to spaces around your home.

We hope these daily star word prompts might be especially meaningful for your family! Use them as a way to learn new vocabulary and languages!

Prompts for using the star words for daily prayer:

- ❖ Look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word you know well. You may even look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history. If you drew a non-English word, do as much research as you can into the meaning of the word in its original culture.
- ❖ What does this word remind you of? Does it recall any memories or experiences? How might God be speaking to you through this word?
- ❖ See if you can find your word—or a synonym—in the Bible. What scripture passages can you find? How is the word used in these passages? Are there other scripture passages that remind you of your word?
- ❖ Write or speak aloud a prayer using your word. (This is a fun challenge for children using the star words.)