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# Children's Message

PEACE • ADVENT 1 • YEAR A

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44**

Select one of these options to create a children's message to fit kids' interests and gifts and your congregation's size and sanctuary features. You can finish your time together with the prayer.

### READ THE STORY

Place a bookmark on page 122 in the Whirl Story Bible. Read the story and focus on the last verse: "Let's walk in the light of the Lord." Look at the picture of God's people on page 123 and consider what light might have meant in their lives. How did the people living in Bible times light their homes? Remind kids that this is the first Sunday of Advent, a day when we light one candle in worship. God gives us light in our hearts and lives to brighten the world's darkness.

### SEE THE STORY

The story talks about God building a house big enough for everyone. Look around the worship space and point out how your worship space is like a home. Are there windows and doors? Are meals served at church? Ask kids to guess how many people can fit in your worship space, and then remind kids that God's house is people, not just a building. God's house is made up of people all around the world! God's light shines everywhere.

### SING THE STORY

Sing "This Little Light of Mine" to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and to announce that we are called to shine Jesus' light into the world. Work with your church musician to provide accompaniment. Sing as many verses as time permits and teach kids the motions that go with the words.

### LIVE THE STORY

Invite a peacemaker from your congregation to talk to the kids. Who is a peacemaker? It could be a member who works as a mediator and makes peace between people. Maybe it is someone who served in the Peace Corps or a pastor who helps create peace in families. Be creative and help kids learn about how people can be peacemakers.

## **SHARE THE STORY**

Highlight for kids that we share God's promise of peace every Sunday at church. When we "share the peace," we remember Isaiah's prophecy that God will show us how to live peacefully. Teach kids what you say in your church when you share the peace. Give kids time to share the peace with the congregation.

## **SEE THE SEASON**

Light one candle on the Advent wreath according to your church's tradition. Sit with the kids, gazing at the candle for a quiet moment. Notice with them the sense of peace that comes over us when we look at a candle flame. That's God's dream for us—to focus together on the same vision and be inspired by it.

# **PRAYER**

In the following prayer, clap twice for each "A-men."

Let us go to God's house. A-men!  
A place of peace and love. A-men!  
Let us walk in God's light. A-men!

Close with a round of applause.



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