

Swords into Plowshares

ADVENT 1
ISAIAH 2:1-5



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This week's theme is **PEACE**. Isaiah told people an important message from God. Everyone will be welcome in the Lord's big house. Swords will become plowshares, and it will be a place of peace.

Peace on Earth

Draw a circle on wax paper and brush with liquid starch. Cover the circle with blue and green tissue paper pieces. Repeat to add two more layers. Let dry. Peel off wax paper and write "Peace on Earth" with a glitter pen. Let dry, add ribbon, and hang the ornament on your tree.

Peaceful Actions

Make a list of peaceful steps your family can take to resolve a disagreement. Work together to follow those steps to create peace instead of conflict in tense situations.

Warm Kindness

Brainstorm a list of things that keep you warm when it's cold outside. Talk about how some people don't have those things. Ask families in your neighborhood to donate a pair of socks, gloves, or mittens. Take donations to a local organization that helps people experiencing homelessness.

Peace Place

Take turns naming things such as books, music, artwork, or photos that help you feel calm and peaceful. Use the ideas to create a peaceful space in your home. Go there whenever you need some quiet time to think or talk to God.

Peace Bell

Do an online search to learn about the Peace Bell at the United Nations headquarters in New York City. Draw and cut out a bell shape from construction paper. Write some facts about this important bell on it to share with your friends.

Pass the Peace

After his resurrection, Jesus often greeted his disciples by saying, "Peace be with you." Today, we offer peace as both a greeting and a farewell. Learn the ASL sign for peace and use it share God's peace with friends and family.

Lighting the Way

The circle of the advent wreath reminds us that God's love has no beginning or end. The candles represent the light Jesus brought into our world. Purchase or make an Advent wreath, light a candle each week, and say, "Christ be our light. Shine in our family today."

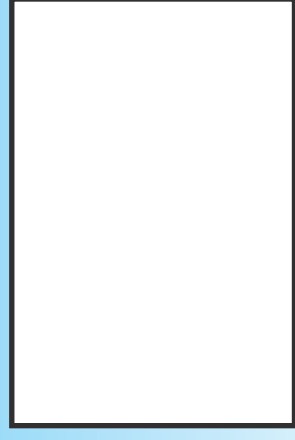
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Isaiah's Message

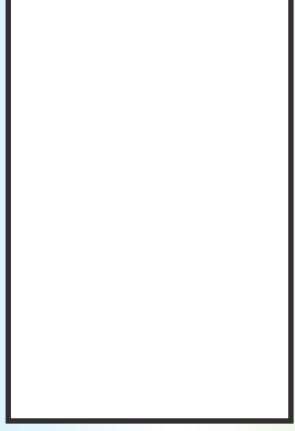


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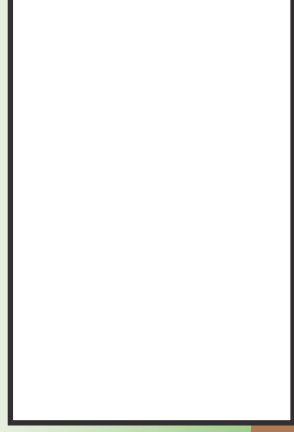


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Let us walk in the



of the Lord.

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