

Candle Liturgy Week Two - Peace

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)
12/05/21

Listen to the podcast and then use these questions / activities to engage further with the material. Our hope is that you'll gather around a table once a week to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of Advent.

Kid Questions

- What is peace?
- Everyone assumed true peace could be found through winning wars. Why do you think that's not true peace?

Art Response

Supplies:

- Paper
- Coloring or Painting Supplies

Instructions:

- True peace comes from the love of God, not through war and violence. Use coloring supplies to make pictures that remind you of true peace. (If your child needs more clear direction, tell them to draw a big heart to remind us that true peace comes from God's love.)
- Hang them up in prominent places as reminders that true peace comes from God's love

For Everyone

To bring peace means to make whole or complete that which was broken. Reflect on ways Christ has mended the broken places in your life. In what ways do you still long for healing and wholeness? How can we be witnesses of Christ's peace in the world?

Dive Deeper

What are ways we make the same mistake Israel did by wanting a war-horse-riding, sword-carrying Messiah? How do we tend to fall into an "Us vs. Them" mentality toward others? What are some groups or activities we can join to promote unity and mutual benefit in our community?

Peace Prayer (St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.