

Candle Liturgy Week Three - Joy

Scripture: Luke 1:39-49 (NIV)
12/12/21

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

• On Christmas we celebrate that earth received its' king... Jesus! Why do you think we celebrate this?

• Though we still face hard times, God is with us and is at work in the world. That gives us joy! What are some ways you have noticed God at work?

Puppet Show

Supplies:

- Old Socks
- Markers
- Optional, if available: googly eyes or buttons & hot glue

Instructions:

- Create sock puppets with happy faces and act out the Bible story you heard.

For Everyone

How can a person feel joy in Christ while also facing suffering and hardship? Think about or tell about a person you have known who was able to do that.

Dive Deeper

Read Philippians 3:1-14. We often attach joy to our achievements in life. How does Paul spend that thinking in this passage? If not our achievements, what is our true source of joy according to this passage? Think about or share a time when you experienced this kind of God-centered joy.

Prayer for Joy

God, May we know joy like the joy of Mary expecting the Savior.

As we celebrate that first Christmas, may we sense that joy the people felt when the Savior had finally come.

As we wait for the New Creation, may we notice how you're already at work and rejoice!

May knowing the depths of sorrow help us find great joy in the Savior, Jesus, who will make every wrong right, free every captive, heal all who are sick, lift up the powerless, and raise the dead.

We rejoice in our salvation now and we rejoice in the healing to come. Amen.