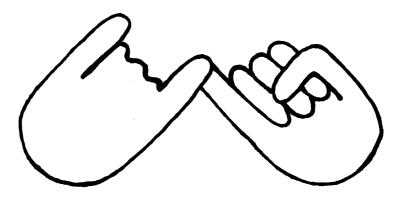
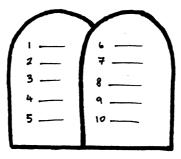
# Advent God and Me Time JH

# A Promise-Keeping God



. . . And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6B (NIV)



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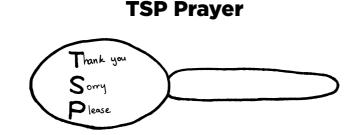
## Instructions

Each page has some questions and prayer ideas that can help you keep thinking about the Advent Bible Readings.

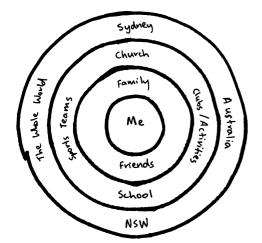
There is a timeline at the end of the booklet to plot each of the passages on as you read through them.

> Below are some pictures to help you with some of the prayer suggestions.

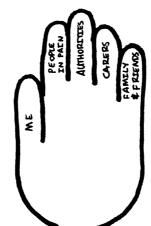
Have fun!



**Target Prayer** 



**Hand Prayer** 



The first 3 questions are very broad so you can start thinking about the passage and the last 2 questions are more specific so you can start to dig deeper.

#### How to read the

passages: A great translation to use is the **New** International Readers' Version (NIRV) The **NIRV** Bible can be found online if you don't have one at home, or you could ask your Youth Minister if they have any copies.



#### November 28

#### Jeremiah 31:31-34 *Hearts*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Israel?

What promises does God make in this passage?

Why does God compare the old and new covenants?

At school, how can you have God as your God and be part of his people?

Create a couple of paper chain links to write your prayers on and then attach them together and hang them up in your room. Pray that you would have a *heart for God*!

November 29

## Isaiah 40:1-5 *Comfort*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Israel?

What promises does God make in this passage?

What does the picture language of v4 show about the time when the glory of the LORD will appear?

How could you seek comfort from God as you pray today?

> Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage to seek out God when you're sad!

November 30

Luke 1:5-25 Prepare

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What promises does God make?

How would you feel hearing the angel's message?

When you're worried, how can you trust God's promises to you?

Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today to trust God's promises!

Luke 1:57-66 *Wonder* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> Why does this passage contain so much description of what Elizabeth and Zechariah's neighbours thought and did?

How can you praise God next time you're with your friends?

If you already have a prayer journal write your prayers in it today. If you don't, why not start one?

Luke 1:67-80 *Saved* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does all the rescuing God does enable Israel to do?

What Christian music could you listen to today to keep reflecting about this passage?

> Use Target Prayer to inspire your prayer today as you pray people would find salvation!

Mark 1:1-8 *Baptise* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What names does this passage give Jesus?

How could you have the same attitude as the Israelites in v5 in your prayers?

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Choose a country to pray for using the CMS website <u>https://</u> <u>www.cms.org.au/</u> <u>nswact/get-involved/</u>

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## 2 Samuel 7:11b-16 *Throne*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

What will the kingdom of this promised, forever king be like?

How can you make sure God is the king of all areas of your life (for example, king over what you say)?

> Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today that God might be your king!

Isaiah 11:1-5 Branch

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

What does it mean in v2 that the Spirit of the LORD will rest on the promised, future king (the Branch)?

How could you have righteousness as your belt and faithfulness as your sash at home with your family?

Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today as you pray the Spirit would grow you in your knowledge and faith!

#### Matthew 1:1-17 *Generations*

What does this passage reveal about God?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

Why is it important that Jesus is a son of David and Abraham v1?

How can you remember the Big Picture of God's rescue plan through the whole Bible in your God and Me time?

Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage to know God keeps his promises!

## Isaiah 7:14 *Immanuel*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

What promises does God make?

> Is this promise easy for God to be able to fulfil? Why/why not?

Knowing God is with you, how will you change the way you react to problems/troubles this week?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask your Youth Leader or family!) and pray it!

## Luke 1:26-38 *King*

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> How is Mary's question in v34 different to Zechariah's question from Luke 1:18?

How can you have the same attitude as Mary in v38 when making decisions and plans?

Create more paper chain links to write more prayers on and add them to your prayer chain as you pray in thanks for Jesus!

Luke 1:39-45 Blessed

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

Have you ever felt like Elizabeth in v42-43?

How could you have Elizabeth and Mary's joy as you pray today?

> Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today as you pray in thanks for God's blessings!

Luke 1:46-55 *Mighty* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> What is significant about Mary singing to God after what happens in Luke 1:39-45?

Next time you're singing with believers, how might you be like Mary in this passage?

> Use TSP prayer to inspire your prayer today as you consider God's character!

#### Matthew 1:18-25 Jesus

What does this passage reveal about God

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Why do you think God chose that Jesus would be born this way?

How can you follow God's commands when you're at school?

Use Target prayer to inspire your prayer today as you thank God for his promises!

Micah 5:2-4 Bethlehem

What does this passage reveal about God?

What promises does God make?

What clues does this passage give about the Messiah?

Why would the idea of a shepherd as the promised, future king comfort Israel (see Ezekiel 34)?

How could you remember God works through big and small things as you pray today?

Use PRAY to inspire your prayer today as you consider how God works through both big and small things!

Luke 2:1-7 Manger

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> Why does Luke include the rulers of the Roman Empire and Provinces at the time of Jesus' birth in this passage?

What could you add to your God and Me Time to help you remember more of God's promises?

Write your prayers in your prayer journal. Read back over other prayers you've written, have any of them been answered?

Luke 2:8-14 *Joy* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> Why do you think the angels include v12 in their speech/song to the shepherds?

How could you give glory to God as you work or do chores this week?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask your Youth Leader or family!) and pray

Luke 2:15-21 *Praise* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> What are the different responses the different people in this passage have to the shepherds' visit and why are they different?

How can you praise God as you pray today?

Use Hand prayer to inspire your prayer today as you praise God for the good news about Jesus!

Matthew 2:1-12 *Worship* 

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> What does this passage say about how people may react when they hear the gospel?

The Wise Men worship Jesus. How can you worship Jesus with your time today?

> Use TSP to inspire your prayer today as you consider how you worship God!

#### Luke 2:25-38 Promised

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What emotions do you think all the different people are feeling in this passage?

How could you have a thankful heart at home this week?

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Choose one of the Christ Church missionaries to pray for (you could use the Missionary Bulletin from the Christ Church website for prompts)

#### Mark 1:9-15 *Kingdom*

v12 is a pretty intense story but most important is that Jesus is the boss and loves God even here (see Matthew 4:10-11)! If you have questions you can talk to your parents or your Youth Leaders

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

Why is what the voice from heaven says in v11 important?

What is one way you could proclaim the good news of Christmas to your friends and family this week?

Use Target Prayer to inspire your prayer today as you pray all would hear the good news about Jesus!

Psalm 22:1-5 *Trusted* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

What promises of God is the Psalmist relying on in this prayer/Psalm?

What the causes the change between v1-2 and v3-5?

How can you remember God's goodness the next time you are struggling?

Find a Bible prayer (the Psalms and the start of NT letters are a good place to look, otherwise ask your Youth Leader or family!) and pray

## Mark 15:22-26 & 33-39 *Crucified*

This passage can be hard to read - it is sad! Talk to your parents or your Youth Leaders if you need to share how you feel. But the amazing thing is that this isn't the end of the story!

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

What does different people's responses to Jesus at the cross remind us?

As you pray today, how could you echo the centurion's statement from v39?

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Write your prayers in your prayer journal. Read back over other prayers you've written, is there anything you've been committed to praying for?

John 20:1-18 Ascending

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> How do you think Mary, Simon Peter and the other disciple feel at each stage of this passage? How would you feel?

If Jesus has risen from the dead, how does that affect how you spend your time and what is important to you?

Pray your heart, head and hands will change after reading this passage knowing Christ is risen!

John 1:1-18 *Light* 

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does this passage reveal about God?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> Why would John use the picture language go a light and the Word as names for Jesus?

If we know God because we know Jesus, how should we read our Bibles?

Create even more paper chain links to write even more prayers on and add them to your prayer chain as you give thanks that anyone can be friends with God because of Jesus!

John 3:16-17 *Eternal* 

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

> What are the consequences of believing and not believing in Jesus according to this passage?

What could you do to help you remember this awesome passage?

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Romans 10:9-13 Believe

What does this passage reveal about God?

What does this passage reveal about people?

How does this passage show God's rescue plan being fulfilled?

How does this passage describe a right response to God?

How can you put v9 into practice?

Use TSP prayer to inspire your prayer today as you consider what you believe and how you show it!

As you read through the passages plot them on this timeline!

Genesis 1 - God creates the universe!

Jesus returns! I