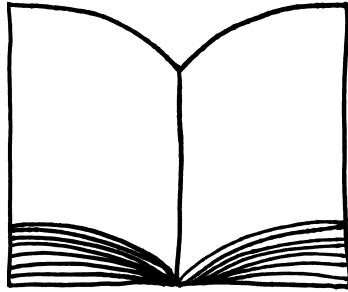
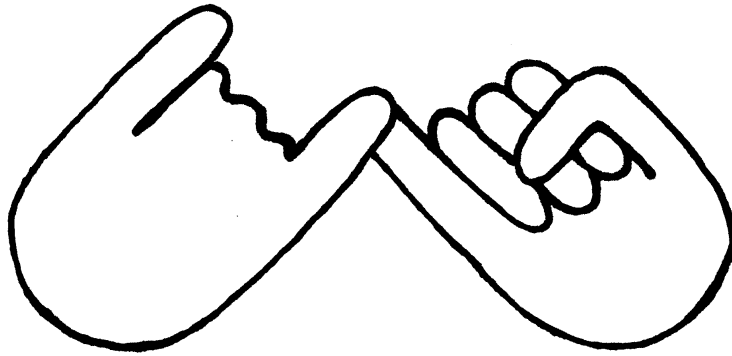


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A Promise-Keeping God



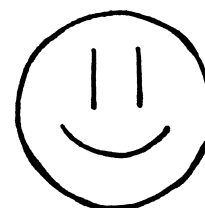
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Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6B (NIV)



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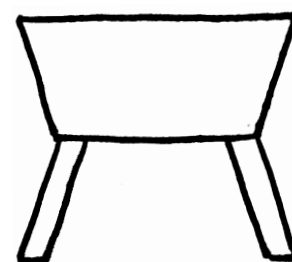


Each page has some questions and prayer ideas that can help you keep thinking about the Advent Bible Readings.

Each half-page matches to one of the dates of the Advent Bible Readings.
(there are two days per page)



Have fun!



The map for Prayer on the 23rd December



World Watch List 2020

TOP 50 COUNTRIES WHERE CHRISTIANS ARE PERSECUTED

Where in the world...

- are there up to 70,000 Christians in prison?
- is it against the law for children to attend church?
- would you have to queue for facial recognition as you enter church?

Find out the answers and how you can send a message of encouragement to persecuted Christian children at www.opendoorsuk.org

Per-se-cu-tion
noun
"The act of continually treating others in a cruel way because of race, religion, politics or some other difference."

TOP 50 COUNTRIES

1 North Korea	17 Eritrea	34 Syria	51 Egypt	68 Vietnam	85 Central African Republic	102 Mali	119 Tunisia	136 Ethiopia	153 Kenya	170 United Arab Emirates
2 Afghanistan	18 Sudan	35 Nigeria	52 Algeria	69 Turkmenistan	86 Morocco	103 Sri Lanka	120 Kazakhstan	137 Bhutan	154 Russian Federation	171 Cameroon
3 Somalia	19 Yemen	36 Saudi Arabia	53 Uzbekistan	70 China	87 Qatar	104 Tajikistan	121 Turkey	138 Colombia	155 Oman	172 Indonesia
4 Libya	20 Iran	37 Maldives	54 Myanmar	71 Mauritania	88 Datar	105 Nepal	122 Brunei	139 Brunei	156 Bangladesh	173 Kuwait
5 Pakistan	21 India	38 Iraq	55 Laos	72 Burkina Faso	89 Jordan	106 Sri Lanka	123 Bangladesh	140 Ethiopia	157 Kuwait	174 Niger

KEY:
● Extreme levels of persecution
● Very high levels of persecution
● High levels of persecution

Lord, protect Your children and make them strong in Your love.
AMEN

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 or Kids Minister if they have any copies.

November 28

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hearts

What is one other promise (covenant) God made with Israel (and what is it's symbol)?

Who kept this promise (covenant) - God or Israel?

Dear God, thank you that you keep the promises you make to us. Amen

Write/draw 1 of your favourite Bible promises and thank God for it!

November 29

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort

What is the messenger (v3) telling people?

Why does God want to comfort his people?

Wow God, you made everything! Wow God, you made the sea and the moon and the koalas! Wow God, you made me! Amen

Draw 1 of your favourite things from nature (e.g. flowers, clouds and kittens) and praise God for it!!

November 30

Luke 1:5-25
Prepare

Are there any other times in the Bible that God promises a baby will be born?

When God makes promises in the Bible do you think they will happen?

Dear God, sorry for when we don't believe you can keep your promises. Thank you that you always do. Amen

Thank God that he loves us and keeps his promises even if we don't always know how.

December 1

Luke 1:57-66
Wonder

What are the good gifts God gives Elizabeth and Zechariah?

Why do Elizabeth and Zechariah want to name their baby John?

Dear God, thank you that you made me and know me. Thank you that you love me and the whole world. Amen

Write the names of 2 people you love and thank God for them.

December 2

Luke 1:67-80

Saved

Do you recognise any of the people Zechariah sings about? Why would he sing about them?

What kind of songs do you like singing to God?

Write 1 thing from Zechariah's song that you want to praise God for and praise him for it!

Wow God, you love us and rescue us from our sins!
Wow God, you help us! Amen

December 3

Mark 1:1-8

Baptise

If you wrote a story about Jesus's life, why would you start by talking about John the Baptist?

From God's promises to Elizabeth and Zechariah is John doing what you would think he would?

Dear God, please help all the people who aren't yet friends with you to hear your word and come to be friends with you. Amen

Write the name of 1 person you would like to pray would become friends with God.

December 4

2 Samuel 7:11b-16

Throne

Who do you think the promised, forever king could be?

What kind of king will the promised, forever king be?

Wow God, you are our good king who loves us and will be our good king forever! Wow God, you made everything and you love us!
Amen

Write 3 names the Bible uses for God and praise him for them.

December 5

Isaiah 11:1-5

Branch

What kind of leader will the Branch (the man) be?

Who will help the Branch (the man)?

Draw the man the passage describes, add more clothing (e.g. shoes of telling the truth) and pray you would be like him.

Dear God, please help me to be fair and to love people like Jesus does. Please help me to be more like Jesus every day. Amen

December 6

Matthew 1:1-17 *Generations*

What is a
Messiah?

Why is Jesus'
family so
important to
Matthew?

Dear God, thank you that the Bible tells us so many stories about all these people who loved you. Thank you for David and that he pointed to another, better king - Jesus! Amen

Write the name of 1 person you recognise from Jesus' family tree and thank God for them and 1 time (story) when God helped them.

December 7

Isaiah 7:14 *Immanuel*

Why is it good news that the baby will be called Immanuel?

Is this promise easy to keep?

Dear God, thank you that you are with us all the time, no matter what we're doing or where we are. Thank you that you are with us when we meet together at Kids' Church and Kids Space Mini with other people who love you. Amen

Draw 2 places you go/ activities you do and give thanks God is with you there.

December 8

Luke 1:26-38

King

How would you feel if you were Mary?

Mary believes God will keep this promise to her because the angel reminds her of all the times God has kept his promises. What are some of those times?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever, Amen.

December 9

Luke 1:39-45

Blessed

When you read the Christmas Story do you feel like Mary and Elizabeth or like something else?

Who does Elizabeth say Mary and her baby are?

Dear God, thank you that you don't love people because they are cool or important but because you made them. Please help me to love people the same way you do. Please help me to love you. Amen

Write a prayer that prays for 2 of the groups Jesus' speaks about in Matthew 5:3-12.

December 10

Luke 1:46-55
Mighty

Would you want to sing this song to God?

What does Mary say God is like in her song?

Wow God, you love me and you love your people! Wow God, you love people because you made them and know them! Amen

Write 1 thing from Mary's song you want to praise God for and praise him for it.

December 11

Matthew 1:18-25
Jesus

What do you think is the best promise God makes in the Bible?

What promise does Matthew say God is keeping in this passage?

Dear God, sorry that I don't always love you and other people the way I should. Thank you that you always love me. Amen

Write 1 way you didn't love God today and thank him that he forgives us - pray those 2 prayers!

December 12

Micah 5:2-4
Bethlehem

Why is the promised, rescuing ruler like a shepherd?

What will the shepherd leader do?

Dear God, thank you that you are the boss of everyone and of all the things we do. Please help me to love you and have you as the boss over all the things I do. Amen

Draw 2 places you go/activities you love and pray God would be the boss of them.

December 13

Luke 2:1-7
Manger

If Jesus is who he's been promised to be, why is he sleeping where animals live after he's born?

Does this passage have any promises being kept?

Draw 1 thing you need to live (e.g. water, a house, food) and thank God for it.

Dear God, thank you that you give us all we need every day. Help me to thank you for all that you give me.
Amen

December 14

Luke 2:8-14

Joy

How would you feel if you were one of the shepherds?

Why do the angels praise God?

Write 2 things you want to praise God for and praise him for them.

Wow God, you are amazing and we should praise you all the time. Please help people who love you. Amen

December 15

Luke 2:15-21

Praise

Do the shepherds do what the angels' say they should from last week's passage?

Do the shepherds react the same way you do to the news about Jesus?

Dear God, thank you for all the good gifts you give us. Please help me to thank you every day.
Amen

Draw 2 things you love and give thanks for them.

December 16

Matthew 2:1-12

Worship

Why do the Wise Men travel so far to give Jesus those presents?

Who is the king in this passage?

Write 1 way you're sorry for forgetting God is the boss and pray for people who don't yet know he is the boss that they might know and follow him.

Dear God, sorry when I forget that you are the boss of everything and do what I want rather than what you want. Thank you that you forgive us when we say sorry for not loving you. Please help everyone to know you are the boss and follow you. Amen

December 17

Luke 2:25-38

Why are Anna and Simeon so excited to meet Jesus?

Do you respond to Jesus the same way Anna and Simeon do?

Write 1 time God answered a prayer you prayed and thank him for it.

Dear God, thank you that we can always talk to you in prayer and you always hear our prayers and answer them. Amen

December 18

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 Kids' Church Leaders.

What does the voice from heaven say and why?

Thank God for Jesus.

Dear God, sorry that sometimes I don't love you the way I should. Thank you that Jesus always loved you and did what you said. Please help me to be like Jesus. Amen

December 19

Psalm 22:1-5 *Trusted*

When you are sad or worried or scared do you ask God to help?

What are all the things David is feeling in this Psalm?

Write 1 thing that is worrying/scaring you and ask God to help you.

Dear God, please help me to pray to you no matter how I feel. Please help me to remember to talk to you about anything that is worrying or scaring me. Amen

December 20

Mark 15:22-26 & 33-39

Crucified

Who do the people in this passage think Jesus is?

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

Write a prayer that thanks God for sending Jesus to die on the cross.

Dear God, thank you that you sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin by dying on the cross. Thank you that you help those who love you to say no to sin and be more like Jesus. Amen

December 21

John 20:1-18

Ascending

What are the names given to Jesus in this passage?

What are Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the other disciple expecting to find when they go to the tomb and what do they find?

Pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet that they would know him.

Dear God, thank you that Jesus didn't stay dead and that he came back to life. Thank you that Jesus has stopped the problem of sin and death for those who love him. Please help me to tell this to people who don't know this good news yet. Amen

December 22

John 1:1-18

Light

Why is Jesus given the names the Light and the Word in this passage?

What does v17 show about God's promise from Jeremiah 31:31-34?

Write 2 things you want to praise God for (from the passage) and pray them!

Wow God, you made everything and sent Jesus to rescue us from our sins. Wow God, Jesus' life, death and resurrection means we can be friends with you again! Amen

December 23

John 3:16-17

Eternal

What does God give to people who are friends with (believe in) Jesus?

Why did God send his son (Jesus) to earth?

Using the map on the Instructions page, choose a country to pray for. Some other great resources to pray for friends of Jesus around the world are:
<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/children-at-home/>
https://www.cms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/KPS_2021_August_PrayerPages_Combined.pdf

Dear God, thank you that because of Jesus anyone can be friends with you. Please help people who love you to tell everyone the good news about Jesus. Please help the people who travel to other countries to tell those who don't know you about the good news of Jesus. Amen

December 24

Romans 10:9-13
Believe

Who can be friends
with (believe in)
Jesus?

From this passage,
how does someone
show they are friends
with (believe in)
Jesus?

Write your own
prayer that says
what you
believe.

Dear God, sorry that our normal way is to do what we want and not what you want. Thank you that you forgive those who love Jesus. Thank you that Jesus rescues us from sin and death. Please help me to say no to sin and to say yes to being more like Jesus. Amen