

MAIN POINT:

Advent – Peace Jesus brings spiritual peace, relational peace and inner peace when we fully trust Him for our salvation and walk closely with Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

1. **Where do you go to find peace in your life?** (*Think about a real place.*) **What makes that place so peaceful?** (*Listen and respond.*)

2. **What has Jesus done that brings peace into our lives?** (*Great opportunity to share the Gospel and explain the work of Christ on the cross.*)
 - *In Romans 3:23 we read that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*
 - *Romans 6:23 says that the wages for our sin is death.*
 - *Romans 5:8 says that God demonstrated His love for us by dying for us.*
 - *Romans 10:9 says that if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.*
 - *The result of this is in Romans 5:1, which says that since we have been made right with God through faith, we can have peace.*

3. **Today we learned that Jesus brings Spiritual Peace, Relational Peace, and Inner Peace into our lives. Which one of those do you need most right now? Why?** (*Review the 3 kinds of peace that Jesus provides – see below. Listen and respond to answers.*)
 - **Spiritual Peace:** *Once we decide to follow Jesus, we have peace knowing our relationship with God is right. We don't need to worry what will happen when we die – because we know those who know Christ will be in heaven and Him for eternity.*
 - **Relational Peace:** *As we get to know Jesus, we become more like Him. We then begin to see the fruit of the spirit come out in our lives. We need to love, care for, forgive, be patient with others etc. because Jesus does that for us. When we live in a way that pleases the Lord, He makes even our enemies live at peace with us.*
 - **Inner Peace:** *We will have hard things happen in our lives (bad grades, conflict, family issues, horrible days etc.). Jesus wants us to bring those things to Him because He will give us peace through whatever we face. Jesus is with us, strengthens us, and will never leave us. We can have peace as a result.*

4. **What is one thing you are going to do this Christmas to actively pursue the peace Jesus brings?** (*Read the Bible more, memorize scripture, lead family devotions, have a consistent prayer time every day, seek forgiveness from those I have hurt, love and care for people that are hard to love, put passages of scripture on cue-cards on my wall to remind myself of truth who God says I am etc.*)

5. **Who is someone you know that really needs the peace of God in their life right now? What could you do to share the good news of Jesus and introduce them to the peace He brings?**
(Listen and respond.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Ask your child how you can pray for them.

- What is their biggest concern this week?
- Where do they see God working in their life?

Pray with and for your child.

- Pray that God will fill them with His peace, guard their hearts and minds.
- Pray that God's peace would give them confidence to be and do all He has planned for them.
- Pray this scripture over them: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13.