

Welcome to week 2 of your advent count down. This week's theme is PEACE.

CRAFT TOGETHER – make your own advent calendar

Each day cut out and hang up a bauble (they are dated) to help you count down until Christmas! There is something different to do each day; colouring in, read, give thanks, a challenge.

You can display these any way you like but here are a few suggestions of how you could hang them:

- Hang up a long line of string across the room or wall and use clothes pegs to attach one to the string each day. (Please remember to get an adult to help you hang the string in a safe place where no one can get in a tangle!)
- If you have a large Christmas tree you can add a loop of string or thread to the top of the bauble and hang one on your tree each day.
- Use blue-tac to stick one to the back of a door every day.

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READ TOGETHER

*If you have a bible, why not turn to **Matthew 1: 19-24** and read it out loud?*

In this part of the story, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. He was the man who was engaged to be married to Mary. Joseph did not understand how Mary could be miraculously pregnant with a child, so he thought he should not marry her anymore. The angel told Joseph to not be afraid. He reassured Joseph that the child Mary will give birth to will be Jesus, the Son of God - the one who will save people from their sins. When Joseph woke up he did all the angel had asked him and took Mary to be his wife.

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IMAGINE TOGETHER

Can you imagine what Joseph felt like?

Do you think he was feeling anxious and confused about what was happening?

God sent an angel to reassure him and it made him feel peaceful. God can do the same to bring peace to us when we are anxious if we ask him.

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DO A CHALLENGE TOGETHER

Challenge #1

What's the longest amount of time you can stay quiet for at the dinner table without talking to someone?

Have a go! Do you feel more peaceful?

Challenge #2 (play indoors & out)

Listening game – can you be silent for 30 seconds and just listen, what can you hear?

Share with your family all the different sounds you heard, did any of them make you feel peaceful?
if so share why.

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GIVE THANKS / PRAY TOGETHER

When are the times that you feel scared, or anxious?

Ask God to bring you his peace, just like he brought to Joseph.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you that you bring peace into our world. Please help me to bring peace to my family and friends by showing them kindness and forgiveness when they most need it. Please Lord bring peace into the situations in our world where there is fighting and unrest.

Thank you Father God that we can talk to you when we need you.

Amen.

SING TOGETHER

Here is a Christmas carol for you to sing together that reminds us of the PEACE of God which he promises to bring to us when we ask him.

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.