

When We Come Back

Talk Sheet

The Arrival of Peace

Introduction:

The second week of Advent has us light a candle that represents peace. Peace is something that all search for, but few really understand. Through God we can have perfect peace. This peace is something that we should work not just to have but to share with others.

Talk Points:

- The second Advent candle represents Peace. This candle reminds us that the angels declared “peace on earth” at the birth of Jesus.
- Jesus brought about peace in the most unexpected ways. The Jews wanted their Messiah to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way.
- All believers have the same purpose: to let others know about the hope and peace of Christ.
- The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom. True Biblical shalom means an inward sense of completeness or wholeness.
- While there is a perfect peace that comes from trusting God, Jesus takes it a step further. As a gift from Himself to His disciples, He says to us: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.” John 14:27

Things To Ponder:

- Jesus had something else in mind. He gives us inner peace that can’t be understood from the world’s viewpoint. We have peace with others.
- We have peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.
- Peace from God allows us to trust in God despite the dark, scary world where we live.

Apply What You Heard:

Write a prayer asking for peace.

What are ways to bring peace to those around you who aren’t or maybe can’t experience it right now?

Reflect:

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”