

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
19 December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Advent is...



A time of *hope*...

thinking about what kind of world we hope for, and how we can help bring it about.

A time for *peace*...

thinking about those places in our homes, neighborhoods, and world where we really need the Prince of Peace.

A time of *joy*...

being with family and friends, finding ways to make our joy real through music, stories, and creative activities.

A time for *love*...

receiving expressions of love from others and showing love to others.¹

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We watch as the Doherty family lights the candles representing hope, peace, joy, and love.

Where in the Word is the Word?

“The Word” can mean many things:

- The Word = God’s messages for God’s people
- The Word = Jesus, God’s Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God’s people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken



Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Micah	5	2-5a
Luke	1	39-55

Bible Challenge

How many seconds does it take you to find the book of Micah in the pew bible? _____

How many times does the word “Israel” appear in the Micah 5:2-5a passage? _____

What are the names of the two women we read about in Luke 1:39-55? _____ and _____

¹ Adapted from “Creative Activities for Children’s Ministry: THINGS to Make & Do for Advent & Christmas,” 1997 Bridge Resources, Louisville, Kentucky

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Bible Background

To help you follow along with the scripture readings, sermon, and music, it might help to know:

Bethlehem

- The very small town where Jesus was born
- Joseph and Mary traveled there from their home in Nazareth
- Was not consider an important town
- Is the same town where King David was from



Kingdom of Israel

- During the reigns of King Saul, King David, and King Solomon, this was one big kingdom
- After King Solomon died, the kingdom split into the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah
- Bethlehem is located in what was called "Judah"

Mary

- Chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus
- Was not a famous person and did not come from a famous family
- Even though she might have been afraid, Mary was joyful and listened to God



As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting,
the child in my womb leaped for joy.
Luke 1:44, NRSV

Elizabeth

- Was Mary's cousin
- Mary visited Elizabeth to tell her she would give birth to God's son
- Elizabeth was expecting a baby too, so their children would be cousins
- Elizabeth's son grew up to be John the Baptist

Magnificat

- This is the song Mary sings after she shares the news about her baby with Elizabeth
- The words for the song are found in Luke 1:46-55
- "Magnificat" is Latin for "My soul magnifies the Lord"
- Magnificat is Mary's song of praise to God



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R T V V M A G N I F I C A T K E T O G G O D M
 Q E U A N C E S T O R S F X A F G H O G S P O
 O G M Y W D L Y G H Z E X S Q U H S O V O I T
 Y S A E U O J F Q A K J R T G L A F D K N M H
 P E H O M C M U D D D E F N E F I J T V G W E
 E L T C D B H E M U E S E A N I R H H J R M R
 S I G N R L R X N J P U C D E L A O I S T E O
 I Z N B O E Y A L W L S O N R L H L N M L H C
 A A E S L S B M N L E K U E A M C Y G X E E M
 R B R G L S T B L C H F S C T E E S S Y A L I
 P E T V S E N K G M E D I S I N Z P W C R H C
 M T S V G D Q U V R R I N E O T C I P R S T A
 A H H L V M O D G N I K S D N U T R O E I E H
 R E D E V E I L E B U N D Z S F R I Q M J B P
 Y E K U L Q K T B R P R O M I S E T A B H F W
 G Y Z N V K N A Z A R E T H N U P P J I Z J T

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

ANCESTORS

BELIEVED

BETHLEHEM

BLESSED

COUSINS

DESCENDANTS

ELIZABETH

FULFILLMENT

GENERATIONS

GOD

GOOD THINGS

HELPED

HOLY SPIRIT

ISRAEL

JESUS

JUDAH

KINGDOM

LORD

LUKE

MAGNIFICAT

MARY

MERCY

MICAH

MOTHER

NAZARETH

PRAISE

PROMISE

REMEMBRANCE

SONG

STRENGTH

WOMEN

ZECHARIAH