

hope

Say together...

Praise God, the one who brings hope
through your son, Jesus.
(Light first Advent Candle)

Come, let us walk in the light of God's Hope

Pray together

Thank you God, for this time of waiting.
May your unfailing love be with us Lord, as
we put our hope in you! Amen.

Read together

Isaiah 2:5 (NIV)

Hope means:
Waiting and expecting

Listen together:
Oh Holy Night:
Light of the World
-Lauren Daigle

Do together...

Wonder together...

What does hope look like to you?
What are you hoping for this Christmas?

Decorate an empty tin or other vessel. Fill with soil
and plant microgreens. As you care for them, and
wait for them to sprout, remember together how
God's people waited with anticipation for the
coming of Jesus.

peace

Say together...

Praise God, the one who brings hope, and gives peace through your son, Jesus.

(Light first and second Advent Candles)

Come, let us walk in the light of God's Peace

Pray together

Thank you God for bringing calm to our lives. Bless us and all people with peace, we pray. Amen.

Peace means:
Calm and unity

Listen together:
Silent Night;
Glory (Let there
be Peace)
-Matt Maher

Read together
Isaiah 11:1-2, 6 (ICB)

Wonder together...

What does peace look like to you?
Where have you seen peace in action?
Where do you wish to see peace?

Do together...

Create a peaceful corner somewhere in your home!
Make it like a nest, with blankets, pillows... all the things that make you feel comfortable and safe!
Enjoy some 'time out' in the space, either together or alone, between now and Christmas.

joy

Say together...

Praise God, the one who brings hope, gives peace,
the source of all joy through your son, Jesus.
(Light first, second and third Advent Candles)
Come, let us walk in the light of God's Joy

Pray together

Thank you God, that we find delight by knowing
you! Help us to know true joy in all we do. Amen

Read together

Isaiah 35:1-2, 10 (CEV)

Do together...

Make a joy jar! Have every family member write down
an activity that brings them joy. Pop all these
activities in a jar. As you have time to, draw one
activity out of the jar to do together as a family
between now and Christmas

Listen together:
Joy to the World;
Joy of the Lord
-Rend Collective

Joy means:
Gladness and delight

Wonder together...

What does joy feel like to you?

What brings you joy?

Where do you see joy around you?

love

Say together...

Praise God, the one who brings hope, gives peace, the source of all joy, who showed Your love through your son, Jesus.

(Light all four Advent Candles)

Come, let us walk in the light of God's Love

Love means:
Care and affection

Wonder together...

What does love feel like to you?
Where have you seen love in action?
Where do you see love missing?

Listen together:
Oh Come All Ye
Faithful;
Te Aroha

Pray together

Thank you God, for your care for us. Show us the wonders of your great love as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Read together

'Operation No More Tears' from
the Jesus Storybook Bible

Do together...

Share the love! Think about an activity you can do as a family, that will show someone you love them! You may decide to bake some Christmas treats for a neighbour, or create a Christmas card for the residents of a local rest home.