Elizabeth

Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you. Lay out the dark purple felt and road on top.

Come close to this story that leads us through a special journey called Advent.

Advent is the church season of getting ready for when Jesus will be born. There are many stories and people that prepare us to meet Jesus. I wonder who we get to meet in today’s story?

Place Isaiah and Elizabeth on the road (see below).

This is Elizabeth. Elizabeth was an older cousin to Jesus’ mother, Mary. Her husband was a priest, Zechariah. For many years they tried to have a child, but they were not able to have a child. Finally, an angel came to Zechariah to tell him that Elizabeth would have a son, and he would be named John.

Mary went to see her cousin Elizabeth after she found out she was having a child. Mary and Elizabeth, both pregnant, cared deeply for each other. The baby, John, danced with joy inside Elizabeth’s belly when Mary arrived.

Elizabeth’s son, John the Baptist, would grow up to become a prophet. A prophet is someone who listens to God and shares important messages from God to the people. John helped prepare the way for people to know Jesus.

The second candle of Advent represents PEACE.

We will place this candle on our wreath and remember the PEACE Elizabeth felt when she comforted Mary as they both prepared for special sons.

The first candle of Advent represents HOPE.

We will place this candle on our wreath and remember the HOPE Isaiah provided for the people in his time, in Jesus’ time, and in our time.
1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words. *Just use items.*

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

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**Elizabeth**

Advent Week Two: PEACE

Luke 1:41
(Common English Version)

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, her baby moved within her. The Holy Spirit came upon Elizabeth.
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