Jesus

Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Lay out the purple felt and road on top.
Prepare the WHITE background for the Advent Wreath.

Come close to this story that has led us through a special journey called Advent to this special day called Christmas! Today we get to meet baby Jesus!

We have spent four weeks of Advent getting ready for today, Christmas; The day Jesus will be born. There have been many stories and people that prepared us to meet Jesus. Let us remember those people and stories that helped us get to this special day.

Move the people down the road to Bethlehem as you read and place each candle on your wreath.

Let us place the first candle on our wreath and remember the HOPE Isaiah provided for the people in his time, in Jesus’ time, and in our time.

Let us place the second candle on our wreath and remember the PEACE Elizabeth felt when she comforted Mary as they both prepared for special sons.

Let us place the third candle on our wreath and remember the JOY of expecting God’s special son, Jesus.

Let us place the fourth candle on our wreath and remember the LOVE a shepherd has for his sheep.

Our candles are lit and we are ready to light the last candle. The candle of Jesus Christ. The candle that reminds us that Isaiah told us long ago that there is a light that will come to us. It is a light that shines in the darkness and the darkness can not and will not overcome it.

Let us place the last candle in the center of our Advent wreath and be quiet for a moment.

Place baby Jesus next to Mary.

Let me introduce you to this little baby boy, Jesus. Jesus who is the Christ child we have been getting ready to welcome. Jesus who will grow up to be someone more special than the world has ever known. Jesus; the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Here are your candles!
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...

...how it feels to be in Bethlehem?
...how it feels to see Jesus?
...how Jesus feels?
...if you have ever seen a newborn baby?
...how your grand/parents felt about you?

Jesus
Christmas!

Matthew 1:18
(Common English Version)

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David’s family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God’s Holy Spirit.

Working with God’s Story

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?

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