

## Week 4: Peace



Introductory Question: ***Where and when do you feel peace?***



*Last week, we focused on the theme of love and read about how God gave us the gift of His Son, Jesus. This week, the story continues in Luke 2:1-21. (Incorporate your family's or group's answers to the Introductory Question – for example,) Just as Marilyn feels peace sitting by water, and Grant feels peace as he falls asleep, we can have peace through Jesus anytime and anywhere. In today's story, the angels tell the shepherds that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is born.*

Tell the story from **Luke 2:1-21**, including main events such as:

- While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to a son, wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger because there was no guest room for them.
- An angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds in the fields, saying, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
- “Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” The angels’ words echoed what Isaiah had prophesied long ago: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (**Is. 9:6**).
- The shepherds hurried off and found the baby in the manger. “When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.”
- Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God Him for all the things they had heard and seen.



Invite your family to spend a few minutes in Listening Prayer and Journaling: *As we've listened to these words from the Bible, God has been speaking to us through them. What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do? You can talk to God about anything.*

Additional prompts: In what areas of your life do you need to feel God's peace? How can you share God's peace with others?



When everyone begins to finish Journaling, give each person an opportunity to share what God has been speaking to them. After each person shares, pray for them.

**KEY VERSE:** Isaiah 9:6

“For to 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.”

**Additional Verses:** John 14:27, Ephesians 2:17, Isaiah 11:1-10