

# Let the Light In

AN ADVENT AT HOME ACTIVITY  
BROUGHAM PLACE UNITING CHURCH 2021



You are invited to make your own Advent Wreath at home. You can light the candles once a week or each night.

What you'll need:

- 5 Advent candles - we will light one each week until the final candle is lit on Christmas Day. You can have 4 smaller ones, and one bigger one. You can have four in a circle with one candle in the middle. You can decorate a wreath and place the four around the outside.
- Post-it notes
- Scissors
- Pens, pencils or markers

# Week 1 - Let the Light of Kindness In

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Consider: What does it mean to "clothe ourselves in compassion and kindness"? When have you experienced kindness? When have you been kind to others?

Activity:

- Write on post-it-notes prayers or situations that are on your heart. You may want to think particularly of situations where kindness is needed.
- Fold the post-it-note into four.
- Cut shapes along the edges.
- Open the post-it-note out again. The prayer will now have spaces in it.
- Stick the post-it-notes to a window to let the light in.

Light the first candle.

Pray: Dear God, thank you that we can share kindness with others. We pray that your light may come to places that need kindness. Help us to share kindness as we wait for Christmas. Amen.



## Week 2 - Let the Light of Sharing In



Light the first candle of kindness.

Read: Luke 3:1-6

Consider: What does it mean to prepare for Christmas? In what ways are you preparing for Christmas this year? How can we share with others - those close to us and those who we don't know?

Activity:

- Write on post-it-notes prayers or situations that are on your heart. You may want to think particularly of situations where sharing is needed.
- Follow the instructions from week 1 and stick the post-it-notes to a window to let the light in.

Light the second candle.

Pray: Dear God, thank you that we can share with others. We pray that your light may come to places where people do not have all that they need to live. Help us to share well as we wait for Christmas. Amen.



## Week 3 - Let the Light of Connection In

Light the first and second candles of kindness and sharing.

Read: Matthew 1:18-23

Consider: Joseph chose to stay in relationship with Mary. God chose to be in relationship with us. How do you stay connected with others? How do you stay connected with God?

Activity

- Write on post-it-notes prayers or situations that are on your heart. You may want to think particularly of situations that long for connection.
- Follow the instructions from week 1 and stick the post-it-notes to a window to let the light in.

Light the third candle.

Pray: Dear God, thank you that we can share in community with others and that we are connected together. We pray that your light may come to places where people are lonely or disconnected. Help us to find ways to connect with others and with you as we wait for Christmas. Amen.

## Week 4 - Let the Light of Compassion In

Light the first three candles of kindness, sharing and connection.

Read: Luke 1:39-55

Consider: This is Mary's song. It is a song of joy and justice and compassion. It is courageous and hopeful. Where do you see hope in the world? Where do you see people working to bring goodness, fairness, justice and compassion?

Activity:

- Write on post-it-notes prayers or situations that are on your heart. You may want to think particularly of situations where compassion is needed.
- Follow the instructions from week 1 and stick the post-it-notes to a window to let the light in.

Light the fourth candle.

Pray: Dear God, thank you that there is always hope. Thank you for songs that share joy and hope in the world. We pray that your light may come to places where love and compassion can bring hope and change. Help us to be compassionate people seeking to bring healing to others and all of creation. Amen.

## Christmas Day

Light the four candles of kindness, sharing, connection and compassion.

Read: Luke 2:1-7

Consider: One of the names we call Jesus is "*light of the world*". Jesus is born this Christmas Day and we celebrate that the light shines in the darkness, always. God is with us, bringing light into our lives and into the whole world.

Light the fifth candle.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for Christmas. Thank you for Jesus, the light of the world. May we share your light this Christmas and all through the year. Amen.

