

SAVERTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Family Advent Guide

Week 3: Joy

Sunday, December 15th

Reading: Luke 1:5-13

Joy is being able to see our hopes come true. Most of us wait all year long to see presents under the Christmas tree. We hope for them throughout the year, but to actually see them sitting there all wrapped up brings us a sense of Joy. We know our hopes are coming true! How much Joy do think Zechariah and Elizabeth had that day when God promised them the present of a son?

Monday, December 16th

Reading: Luke 1:14-17

Do you know who this new baby is, yet? It's John the Baptist. After John is all grown up, he'll set the stage for Jesus by helping people grow their hope for Jesus. Israel had been waiting for Jesus for thousands of years. Imagine their surprise when they finally hear He is coming. Have you ever waited long for something? Did it make the moment more joyful when you experienced it?

Tuesday, December 17th

Reading: Luke 1:18-25

One version says Zachariah's tongue was stuck to the roof of his mouth. Can you try to talk with your tongue stuck to the roof? It's near impossible. When God tells us something great that He wants to do for us, it's best to respond with Joy and Faith. What are some things God wants to do for you?

Wednesday, December 18th

Reading: Luke 1:39-45

Can you imagine little baby John in his mom's belly jumping up and down with Joy? It's a funny image to have. If a tiny baby acts like this about Jesus, how excited should you be about Him?

Thursday, December 19th

Reading: Luke 1:46-56

Mary was overcome with joy to the point that she began to praise God. When we allow the Joy of Christ to fill us, we will naturally begin to praise God. Praise is thanking God for what He has done for us. Can you take a minute and praise God for the things that He has done for you and your family?

Friday, December 20th

Reading: Luke 1:57-66

The women didn't want Zachariah and Elizabeth to follow God's plan. But Z & E named him John as the angel had ordered them to. God needs for us to be faithful in His plan for our life. When we are faithful to God, people will notice and respond. (v65) What would you guess that God is calling you to do in your life? (It's ok to let the kids dream a little)

Saturday, December 21st

Reading: Luke 1:67-80

Prophecy is when God gives us things to say to other people to encourage them and help them. John's dad prophesied over baby John. Do you think he was a proud dad? Sometimes when we pray, God will show us someone and then make us feel as though we need to speak to them. Can you take a few moments right now and each say something encouraging to someone around the dinner table?