



Knox Family Time

Dec.
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A Time to Connect With Each Other Throughout The Week

Questions Connected to our Scripture:

- How can we share the good news this week?
- How can we spread God's love this week to those around us?
- What is one way you rejoice in the Lord?
- How do you prepare your own heart for this Advent season?

This Week's Scripture:



Godly Play:

This week, Ms. Kim is teaching us about the [Shepherds through Godly Play](#). Thank you Ms. Kim!

"Hope-Filled News – 3rd Week"

A Family Devotional

Today marks the third Sunday of our Advent Season and this week we are lighting the candle of joy.

This week I encourage you to read Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 together. In this selection, these words are very encouraging. It's almost like a mission statement. "He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted..." Just like he sent those back then, he is calling on each and every one of us now to do the same thing.

Then in verses 8-11, we rejoice greatly in the Lord for the things that he has provided us with. During this time, we can count our blessings and be thankful for those things that we have and can comfort in knowing that we are loved by our Lord and Savior.

Dear God,

We greatly rejoice in you and all of the comfort that you provide us. We pray for those less fortunate than us and pray that you would walk with us as we accept your calling to help those in need. Thank you for your unconditional love. Amen.



Have a blessed rest of the week!

 Ms. Erin

If you're looking for some more things to do together as a family, here are a few ideas >>>

A Conversational Quote:

Do you think Bob's idea of Christmas is simple?

How do you love others at Christmas time?

How do you feel loved at Christmas time?



Did you know?

The Song "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving song. James Lord Pierpont wrote a song called "One Horse Open Sleigh" for his church's Thanksgiving concert. Then in 1857, the song was re-published under the title it still holds today, and it eventually became one of the most popular Christmas songs.



Christmas Stories:

There are so many wonderful Christmas stories out there. Many families will do an advent book basket, where each day the kids open a Christmas book, counting down the days until Christmas. Here are two stories that we read this week:

- [Ms. Kim reads "Mortimer's Christmas Manger"](#)
- [Ms. Erin reads "A Very Big Problem"](#)
- [Ms. Erin reads "The Worst Christmas"](#)

Fun Questions:

- What's your favorite kind of surprise?
- What is one Christmas tradition that you never want to give up?
- What do you think Jesus' favorite game would be?
- If Jesus were a sport, which sport would he be?
- Would you rather be a polar bear or a reindeer?
- Do you prefer to sing carols or listen to them?
- Would you rather meet an angel or a wise man?

Fun Activities:

There are so many wonderful Christmas movies out there. This week pop some popcorn, sit next to the fire, cuddle up with your blankets and loved ones and watch one of your family's favorites!

Feel free to post your favorites in our Facebook Group, maybe we are missing out on some good ones.



Mission Spotlight...



Hesed House is another wonderful organization that Knox works with. Each month, we collect meals to deliver to Hesed House. We also have various other collections throughout the year. You can go to their [website](#) to see their current needs right now. This month, we are also collecting hygiene kits for them to give out to their residents. There are currently about 150 residents at Hesed House right now. [We are collecting these kits at Knox on Saturday, December 26 from 4-4:30pm.](#)

