

Peace

Having received peace with God, we become people who pursue peace with others.

SERIES SUMMARY

So much of Christmas is best expressed in song. That was true from the start, when Mary praised God as she anticipated the birth of the Messiah, and a multitude of angels proclaimed good news to shepherds.

Over the centuries, Christians have written carols that echo the story, giving voice to our deepest longings—for light in the darkness, peace in our divisions, joy amid sorrow, and love that comes near.

This Advent, let's join the song, proclaiming hope, peace, joy, and love.

ICEBREAKER

Where do you go when you want a few minutes of peace and quiet?

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8–20
The Angels' Song

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LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Per the angel's song, what do you imagine the connection(s) to be between God's glory and earth's peace?
2. God chose to speak peace to the lowly, and sent them to a child in a lowly manger. What's the connection between peace & lowliness?
3. What is it about the good news of Jesus that helps make reconciliation possible: With God? With others?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

1. Which is more likely to disturb your peace and why: fear or anger?
2. We've all been in groups or relationships that were peaceful and others that were NOT! What would you say makes the difference?
3. Often, it's not loud talk but quiet boundaries that make for peaceful relationships. When have you seen this to be true?

WRITING A NEW STORY

1. Jesus called us to be peacemakers, but churches often have too few. What does it take to be a peacemaker in the midst of conflicts?
2. When have you seen someone tell a difficult truth in a way that made peace more possible? What did they do that helped?
3. What's your best tip / wisdom for how to reconcile or make up after a conflict?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

God of all peace, thank you for sending your Son to reconcile us to You and one another. Give us courage and wisdom to be peacemakers. Amen.

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