

WHEN I THINK OF CHRISTMAS

December 12, 2021

The word "advent" literally means _____ or _____. The Advent season describes a four-week window in the church calendar leading up to Christmas Day. Advent is a season to _____ for a personal encounter with God who came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ the very first Christmas.

1. God's First Advent Post – Genesis 3:14,15 – "Who should we _____?"

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

2. Advent Post #2 – Isaiah 7:10-14 – '_____ child is this?"

Again, the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel."

3. Advent Post #3 – Isaiah 9:6,7 – "Who will this child _____?"

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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

4. Advent Post #4 – Isaiah 52:7-10 - "What _____ will this child make?"

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Today Big Idea:

**God who has kept all his promises in _____ can be trusted
to keep promises in _____ and in _____.**

FAMILY MATTERS

Congratulations to Consuelo Espinosa on her 94th birthday this past week.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How has God been faithful in your past?
2. How do these 5 prophecies bring advent to life for you?
3. Were you aware of all the ways God prepared the way for Jesus and His birth?
4. How have God's promises during advent - either to you personally or biblically - helped build your confidence in God's future promises?
5. In what ways do you feel close to God or distant from Him, knowing that God is with you?

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