



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of December 18, 2022: Matthew 1:18-25

Memory Verse

Matthew 1:21: "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus..."

Advent at Home IV:

[Light the candles you lit last week]

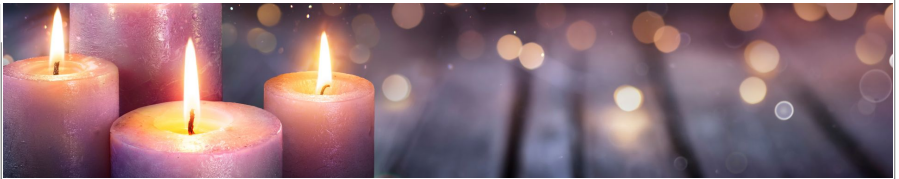
The candles of hope, peace, and joy are lit. May they burn deep in our hearts, minds, and souls.

[light the next candle]

God so loves the world, that God shows up with us, in the flesh! In a world filled with hatred, love is the answer. May we all know that we are loved, and may we spread love wherever we go.

Let us Pray: Come, Lord Jesus, the lover of our souls. The world needs your love. Help us to spread it to all. And as we near Christmas Day, help us to slow down in our excitement and hear your voice. Amen.

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The Story

Joseph knew he was not the father of the baby that Mary was carrying. He was not sure if he should stay with Mary who was pregnant. He thought about leaving her. An angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him that this baby was special. He should stay with Mary and raise the child as his own. This is what he did.

Theme and Family Discussion: God talked to Joseph through an angel in a dream. Listen to what God wants us to do. As a church, we are getting ready for Christmas. How does the church get ready for Christmas? Talk to your children about dreams; both nighttime dreams and daydreams. What are the differences? What do they dream about?

Activity: Angels in the House

Look around your house. Do you have any angels? Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you have any angels on it? Do you have any storybooks about Christmas and angels?

Craft: Paper Plate Angels

You will need: one paper plate per child, sparkly glue, dare we say glitter?!, markers, crayons, etc. Cut one wedge, approximately 1/3, of the paper plate and glue, decorate (see example).

