



Series title: Advent

Session title: Candle 3 & 4

Light Candle Three: Joy:

Matthew 2: 1 11: And when they [the wise men] saw the star, they were so ecstatic that they shouted and celebrated with unrestrained joy. When they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, His mother, they fell to the ground at His feet and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests full of gifts and presented Him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Spend a time in worship of the coming of Jesus, the Saviour of the World and let's present our gifts to Him.

[Q. What gift would we offer in worship to Jesus?]

Light Candle Four: Love

John 3: 16+17: For here is the way God loved the world—He gave His only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in Him will never perish but experience everlasting life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Saviour and rescue it!

Thank God for His amazing gift in Jesus and celebrate His love and forgiveness. Break bread together.

End with this Advent Prayer:

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.  
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.  
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,  
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.  
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.  
You came as a baby born in a manger.  
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,  
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.  
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,  
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.  
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.  
And angels announced, 'Into your darkness, God brings His Light.'  
'Do not be afraid,' they said, to shepherds in the field.  
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.  
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.  
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.  
Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.  
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.  
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.  
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.  
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.  
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.  
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.  
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.