

At the time of day that works best for you, start by **lighting the first candle of hope and promise**. Read the following Scripture and share your thoughts about the devotional question. Have fun singing the Christmas carol and doing the activity together. Close your time with a thankful prayer for the hope Jesus brings.

SCRIPTURE READING | Isaiah 11:1-2,10

The lighting of the first candle symbolizes the light of Christ who is promised to a dark world; this is our hope in the promises of God. Over 700 years before the birth of Christ, God promised a Savior...

*“Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot-
yes a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.
And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD...
In that day the heir to David’s throne
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.
The nations will rally to him,
and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.”*

CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

ACTIVITY

In preparation of this weeks activity gather a pair of new socks, toothbrush and toothpaste, toiletries, small snacks like granola bars, etc. Then by candlelight of your first advent candle place the items in a shoe box or gift bag. Be sure to include a note about the hope of God’s love. Decorate it if you wish. Then together deliver it to someone who is homeless or to the Eugene Mission.

DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS & PRAYER

- When have you found hope in a really hard situation?
- Who in your life needs to know that God loves them?
- How can you show God’s love to them?

Lord God, Your love gives us hope. Teach our hearts to love you more and to share that love with others who desperately need to find your hope and comfort in this world. Amen.

Extinguish the candle until next week.