

Advent Candle Lighting:

Have six to twelve candles on the table in the middle of the group. Have the middle candle lit as the Christ Candle. Before someone shares, they take a candle and light it with the Christ Candle and then share what they are thankful for from this last quarter and/ or what Jesus has done for them. All the candles lit represent the light of Christ we have in us and the impact it has on the world we live. You can also add these Christmas Carols and scripture reading after your group shares and then transition into Communion.

Advent Songs

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, Born the King of angels;

(CHORUS)

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
All glory in the highest;
(CHORUS)

* Read Luke 2:8-12

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. Refrain
Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought. Refrain

* Read Luke 2:13-15

Silent Night

Silent night Holy night All is calm all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth;
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Read Luke 2:16-18

Sing Angels We have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Singing sweetly o'er the plains And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain Glo-ria... in excelsis Deo. (repeat)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King Glo-ria... in excelsis Deo. (repeat)

See Him in a manger laid, Whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

* Read Luke 2:19-20

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sing Joy To the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King. Let every heart, prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing (3x)

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Read Matthew 1:22, 23