

# WEEK 3

God's Great Purpose - The Reason He Came

## Reminds Us

That we cannot save ourselves, Jesus did it all for us.

## Main Themes

Jesus came on a mission.  
Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient.

## Scriptures

Rom. 5:7-11; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 John 4:14; Col. 2:13-15;  
1 Cor. 15:3,4; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:17

## Candle

Salvation Candle

## Songs of the Season

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
While Shepherds Kept Their Watch by Night  
Come Ye Lofty, Come Ye Lowly

## *December 11 - December 17*

### **Devotional**

The enjoyment of any gift is connected to the purpose of that gift. When we forget the purpose of a gift or use it improperly our ability to enjoy it diminishes. This week of Advent reminds us that God's gift of His Son was given with a purpose.

When God sent his Son to earth, Jesus came on a rescue mission to save sinners from our sin. (Rom. 5:7-11; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 John 4:14; John 3:17). This is really great news if you remember our condition that we talked about in Week One. We are powerless to save ourselves and we are in desperate need of saving.

This salvation is accomplished (done completely) for us by Christ's substitutionary death (in our place, for our sin) on the cross (Col. 2:13-15; 1 Cor. 15:3-4). And this Salvation becomes ours when we place our faith in Jesus' work for us (Eph. 2:1-10).

## **Discussion Questions**

What do I believe Jesus came to earth to accomplish?

What do I tend to use the gift of Jesus for in my own life?

What are some ways people in our culture tend to misuse God's gift of his Son?

What in my life currently reminds me of my need for the gift of Christ on my behalf?

What could I do this advent season to remember the purpose of Jesus coming to earth more regularly?

## ***Additional Resources for Families***

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### **Discussion Questions**

What was Jesus' mission while He was on earth? (save sinners, save people from their sins)

What does it mean that Jesus was our substitution? (He died in our place for our sins, He took the punishment we deserved, He paid for our sins so we wouldn't have to)

How are we saved? (placing our faith in Jesus' work for us on the cross, by His grace through faith)

Have we done or can we do anything to earn or deserve this gift? (no-it is by His grace alone)

### **Jesus Storybook Bible Stories**

The Friend of Little Children - p. 256

The Servant King - p. 286

The Sun Stops Shining - p. 302

### **Family Activities**

Visit your local fire station and meet the men and women who help save people from danger. Afterward, talk about how God delivers and saves His children from His wrath.

Play hide and seek and talk about how Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Spend time in prayer thanking God for sending Jesus.