



# Growing FAITH at home

FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

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## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What is a piece of good news you remember receiving?  
How did you react?
2. In what ways is Jesus' birth good news for you?  
What will be your response this Christmas?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-55</b>	Mary visits Elizabeth
<b>M</b>	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b>	A promised ruler from Bethlehem
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:5-10</b>	Christ's sacrifice once for all
<b>W</b>	<b>Matthew 1:18-24</b>	An angel visits Joseph
<b>T</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:2-7</b>	To us a child is born
<b>F</b>	<b>Luke 2:1-20</b>	The birth of Jesus
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 80:1-7</b>	Restore us God almighty

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

With all my heart I praise the Lord, and  
I am glad because of God my saviour.  
He cares for me, his humble servant.

LUKE 1:46-48A





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Build a simple manger scene as a final Advent activity. Construct a stable out of a shoe box.

Add straw (or shredded paper) and a manger (e.g. using a matchbox and matches) and cardboard animal figures.

On December 24th have the expectant parents arrive (use paper cutout figures).

Finally, place a baby Jesus figure in the manger on Christmas Day.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Is there room for more at your meal table this Christmas?

Be on the lookout for someone who may be without friends or family at this festive time, and invite them to join you, either on Christmas Day or the day after. Students, single adults, recent immigrants, widows and widowers and elderly persons in our communities can feel particularly lonely at Christmas time.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent. As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming again. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, child of Bethlehem, come and be King in our hearts. Amen.



## BLESSING

**May God make you strong and new.  
May his face smile upon you and his kindness save you.**