



# Growing FAITH at home

SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

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Prepare  
the way



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How are you preparing for Christmas? What will you do over the coming weeks to prepare – at home and at church?
2. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. How might we prepare the way for Jesus to come into our homes and communities?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

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| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 3:1-6</b>          | Prepare the way of the Lord         |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Malachi 3:1-4</b>       | He will be like a refiner's fire    |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Philippians 1:3-11</b>  | Thanksgiving and prayer             |
| <b>W</b> | <b>Isaiah 62:1-5,10-12</b> | Prepare the way for the people      |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Zechariah 2:10-13</b>   | The Lord will come to live among us |
| <b>F</b> | <b>1 Peter 1:13-25</b>     | Prepare your minds for action       |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 1:68-79</b>        | Zechariah's song                    |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Get the road ready for the Lord!  
Make a straight path for him.

LUKE 3:4





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Create a 'Jesse tree' to celebrate Jesus' heritage (Isaiah 11:1 and Matthew 1:1-16). Prepare symbols using card and string. Include the names of Jesus' ancestors and the related Bible references. Hang them on a small potted branch or on your Christmas tree during the remainder of Advent. Read your Bible verses as you hang them up.

**Star** – Abraham  
Gen 15:4-6

**Crown** – David  
2 Sam 2:1-7

**Altar** – Isaac  
Gen 22:9-12

**Temple** – Solomon  
2 Chron 3:1-7

**Jug** – Rebecca  
Gen 24:12-20

**Tower** – Uzziah  
2 Chron 26:1-10

**Stairway** – Jacob  
Gen 28:10-17

**Number 7** – Rachel  
Gen 29:15-20

**Sun** – Hezekiah  
2 Kings 20:1-11

**Coat** – Joseph  
Gen 37:1-4

**Scroll** – Josiah  
2 Kings 22:8-20

**Coins** – Judah  
Gen 37:25-28

**Prisoner** –  
Jehoiachin  
2 Kings 24: 8-15

**Rope** – Rahab  
Joshua 2

**Angel** – Joseph  
Matt 1: 18-25

**Wheat** – Ruth  
Ruth 2:1-12

**Sheep** – Mary  
Luke 1:39-56

**Sheep** – Jesse  
1 Sam 16: 1-13

**Manger** – Jesus  
Luke 2:4-7



## 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, prepare your way in us. Set us straight where we are crooked and make us smooth where we are rough. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Look through this list of ideas for sharing during Advent. Choose one or more to put into practice this week.

- Look through your clothes for 'pre-loved' items that are still in good condition. Bundle them for delivery to a local thrift or charity store.
- Bake biscuits as a family. Keep half and give the rest away.
- Locate Israel and Bethlehem on a globe or world map. Pray for peace in the country and region of Jesus' birth.
- Write an encouraging note to a friend you haven't heard from in a while.



## BLESSING

May God prepare your heart this Advent.