



Worksheet

Advent #2

“We are living between the *Hallelujah* of Christ’s resurrection and the *Maranatha* of Christ’s return. And here—in the waiting of Advent—God’s people discover a unique species of joy that can only be glimpsed through the lens of worshipful anticipation.” Adam Ramsey

Genesis 3:14-19 (highlight vs 15 in a different color). “Even as God pronounced the curse upon man, He made a promise. He promised that a redeemer would come from the seed of the woman, one who would crush the head of the deceiver and bring God’s people back to Himself.” Our Daily Grace Company, Hymns for Advent

Exodus 2:23-25 “Christmas doesn’t ignore our many pains; neither does it bid us wallow in them. Christmas takes them seriously...and reminds us that our God has seen our pain and heard our cries for help (as in Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-9; 6:5), and he himself has come to deliver us.” David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn’t Expect* (pg. 111)

Joshua 6:1-7 “The amazing truth about Christmas is that Jesus, the Son of God, became a baby! This is far crazier than marching around a city to make the walls collapse. Christmas is a reminder that God accomplishes the most significant tasks in the strangest, most counter-intuitive, yet most perfect of ways.” The Austin Stone

Psalms 16:11 “The things of this world may satisfy for a moment, but they cannot fill the desire of our souls—only Jesus can do that. True joy is found in the presence of God. Advent reminds us that our source of joy came to dwell among us.” Our Daily Grace Company, *Waiting for Advent*

Isaiah 8:8 “What does Immanuel—God-with-us—mean? Here it means God is with us in our danger and suffering. The One being in very nature God has come to share our pain... Jesus is Immanuel. God is with us in love.” Tim Chester, *The One True Gift*

Isaiah 9:6 "This is why Jesus came. He did not simply come to bring peace—He came to be our peace. He came to bring peace to our hearts and to make us whole and complete in a way that only He can." Our Daily Grace Company, *Waiting for Advent*

Isaiah 53:3-6 "In fact, this child, who is joy incarnate, will be a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, and it will be his great suffering that secures for us the great joy." David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn't Expect* (pg. 59)

Matthew 1:1-17 "Christmas is the day we celebrate the culmination of all of the generations lived in waiting. We celebrate God making meaning out of all the simple, small steps of obedience taken by the people of God." The Austin Stone

Matthew 1:23

"The King of heaven exchanged his throne for a cradle.

The Almighty swaddled himself with vulnerability.

The Creator entered into his own creation.

The Author put himself on the page.

The Infinite became an infant.

The Giver became the gift.

Jesus arrived as Immanuel—God with us." Adam Ramsey

Matthew 28:18-20 "The good news is that because of Christmas, even the task of sharing the gospel is not left for us to accomplish alone." The Austin Stone

Luke 1:46-47 "This is a life-changing lyric—not just at Christmas but for all of life. God is magnified in his weak people when we, like Mary, rejoice in him." David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn't Expect* (pg. 21)

Luke 2:20 "They (the shepherds) understand that Christmas is not about the worth and goodness of humanity but the mind-blowing mercy of God." David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn't Expect* (pg. 54)

John 1:1-3 "Unlike every other human birth, the birth celebrated at Christmas was not a beginning but a becoming. Christmas wasn't his start, but his commission. He was not created; he came." David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn't Expect* (24)

John 1:14 "He is the God who wrapped Himself in flesh, lived a perfect life, died a perfect death, and raised victoriously from the grave all so that His people would be saved." The Austin Stone

Acts 2:23 "God in His sovereignty wasn't surprised by the sin of Adam and Eve and had a plan before the ages to rescue and redeem the people He loved." Our Daily Grace Company, Waiting for Advent

Romans 5:8 "God's love for us is proven by how He sent Jesus to come and die. As we celebrate Advent and the Christmas season we must be reminded that the reason that Jesus came was for the cross. His love for us is proven at the cross." Our Daily Grace Company, Waiting for Advent

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Because of Christmas, everything ordinary has become extraordinary. Eating, drinking, working, sleeping—we can do it all as the shepherds did, glorifying and praising God because we know that God is with us!" The Austin Stone

2 Corinthians 5:15 "The Cross satisfied the wrath of God and sealed the promise of eternal life. But it also gave me a new heart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I can now live for Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:15). That's what Christmas is all about." Paul David Tripp

Galatians 4:3-5 "Receive the miracle of Christmas: a God who has entered into this world in human form so that you would not be left alone in your sin and suffering, that He would be with you in both the significant and the small." The Austin Stone

Ephesians 2:7 "God loves cheerful givers because he is one—the supreme one. And every gift we give in Christ is simply an echo of what we have already received and of the immeasurable riches to come." David Mathis, *The Christmas We Didn't Expect* (pg. 118)

Philippians 2:5. "Jesus was born so we could be "in him." He came to unite our humanity to his divinity—our humanness to his "God-ness". He came to be one with us so we could be one with him." Tim Chester, *The One True Gift*

Hebrews 10:11-14 "Thankfully, because Jesus bore the weight of our sin and lived a perfect life, He became the sacrifice we needed for our sin and gave us His righteousness! So when you fail, remember the promise He made with you that as long as you live you are being made more into the image of your Savior. God is not finished with you yet." The Austin Stone