



Growing FAITH at home

THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you anxious? What are you worried about?
2. What is God's promise to us in Philippians 4:6-7?
How does this reassure us?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 3:7-18	One more powerful is coming
M	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Restoration of Israel's remnant
T	Philippians 4:4-7	Rejoice in the Lord always
W	Acts 13:16-31,38-39	Paul preaches about John
T	Acts 17:22-31	Paul speaks of repentance
F	John 15:1-8	Producing fruit in Christ
S	Isaiah 12:2-6	Songs of praise

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18





CREATIVE RESPONSE

As a household set aside time during this week to read one or two favourite Christmas stories, share past Christmas memories, and sing Christmas carols.

Sit around your meal table or Christmas tree, light a candle and play Christmas music.

You might also enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and some Christmas treats.



ACTION RESPONSE

Make the gift of service one of your Christmas gifts this year.

Talk together about acts of service that could be offered to different household members.

For example, doing the dishes, making a bed, helping prepare a meal, giving a massage, time spent gardening.

Have each person select an act of service they could offer to each household member (these don't need to be the same). Write these down on index cards and collate booklets of redeemable 'service vouchers' to give to members of the household 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, bless us with the Holy Spirit. Make our hearts burn with love for you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus watch over your heart and your mind and give you his peace.