Advent Week 2: Peace

God comes humbly at Bethlehem

Ages about 7-11 | Video 6:05 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth The Savior was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger; the shepherds received good news of peace.

Learning goals Retell the manger and shepherds' visit; identify Jesus as the Savior; and choose a peaceful action shaped by his humble love.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online Open this video on Servus Dei

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask how we welcome a baby. Watch how the humble setting differs from the arrival of an earthly king.

Watch and notice

Notice the manger, the angels' message, the shepherds' visit, and the closing invitation to recognize God's quiet approach.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. Where was Jesus laid after his birth?
Mary wrapped him and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the lodging.

2. What news did the angels bring?
The Savior was born. The shepherds were invited to move from fear toward joy and to see the child.

3. Why is the humble setting important?
The Lord came close to ordinary people in love. His worth did not depend on a palace or a display of power.

4. How can you help make peace in an ordinary moment?
Listen before answering, share fairly, or seek help to resolve a disagreement safely. Peace grows through truthful, caring choices.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Draw the shepherds finding Jesus in the manger. Then draw a peaceful welcome you can offer someone. Accept an oral explanation.

Read & Write Recall the story, explain its central teaching, then apply it through a specific choice.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: draw or dictate answers; revisit the named story moment together.

Ages 9-11: explain the connection between the story detail and the planned response.

A manger welcome | Optional 4 minutes

Make a paper welcome mat for the manger. On its corners write or draw four ways to welcome another person: listen, make room, speak kindly, and share. Choose one for a real situation this week and rehearse respectful words with a partner.

Look for understanding Look for the named story details in the answers and a practical response connected to the nativity and humble peace.

Closing prayer Jesus, Prince of Peace, thank you for coming close to us. Help us make room for others with kindness. Amen.

At home Place your welcome mat near a family Nativity scene and choose one peaceful family action.

Handout answer notes Sign: a baby wrapped and lying in a manger. Jesus came humbly, bringing salvation through love. Personal welcomes should be specific and respectful.

Teach with care

Provide paper and pencils. Preview the video and invite children to ask questions or pass. This illustrated reflection adds poetic scene-setting to Luke 2. Details about Mary's private thoughts, animals, and sounds are not all specified in Scripture. Peace does not mean remaining in an unsafe situation.

Words to explain Nativity: Jesus' birth. Manger: an animal feeding trough. Messiah: God's anointed one, the promised Savior.

Sources for the leader

Story source: Servus Dei video and English transcript

Background: Luke 2:1-20: the birth of Jesus and the shepherds