

# CHAPEL FAMILY DRIVE-THRU PICNIC



## Advent Family Activity

### Hope

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of preparing to celebrate Christmas, the Christian liturgical calendar calls us to observe the season of Advent. Advent is a season of waiting. Advent is a journey. This past Sunday Nina Simone reminded us that the Advent Season is a trip we are taking together. A journey that prepares us for the coming of Christ. In fact, Nina even taught us the sign language for Advent (two thumbs up moving toward your chest) which can be translated three ways. It can mean COME! It can mean COME HERE! And it can mean COME AGAIN! But even as we celebrate Jesus' coming, and as we wait for him to come again, we learn in our waiting about HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE (the four candles of Advent).

We're going through Advent,  
Are we there yet? No!  
First we need HOPE...

Hope is our first candle, our first lesson of Advent. And Hope means that "God does what he promises he will do." Hope means that God keeps his word. That God honors his promises. Hope means that we can be confident that God will always do what he has promises he will do.

So, as we Hope for Hope, let us practice finding and keeping Hope in this Advent Season.

1. Take time as a family/small group to list all the promises that God has made to us. How many promises can you think of? What are some of your favorite promises that God has made to you and to his people?
2. Share some of the stories of God's faithfulness. How have you seen God keep his promises? What are some ways that God has showed up in your life this season? Tell the stories of what God has done.
3. Consider how God's promises can change the way you live. How can you treat your siblings differently because of God's promises? How can you treat your neighbors differently because of God's promises? What are some ways that God's promises can impact the way you give, speak, share, behave, etc.?
4. Pray together. Take time to thank God for his promises and his faithfulness. Then pray that you would find hope in this season. Ask God to show up in your life where you are struggling.
5. Memorize Psalm 33:20-22. "We wait in Hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

Hope ❄️ Peace ❄️ Joy ❄️ Love