

# Hope

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**SAY** Jesus called himself the Light of the World, and at Advent, we light candles to remind ourselves of the light of hope he brought into a world filled with the darkness of sin.

**ASK** What is hope?

**EXPLAIN** Hope is looking forward to something wonderful. It's expecting something good to happen. It's light in the darkness.

**LIGHT** the first candle of your wreath.

**SAY** This candle represents hope. When Jesus came, he brought hope for people lost in sin.

**READ & DISCUSS** Isaiah 9:2 and Matthew 1:18-25

**PRAY** O Lord, our God, thank you for not leaving us in darkness but for sending your light into the world instead. Help us to shine your light in the dark and dreary corners of the world. May your light and love radiate from us and give hope where it seems that all hope is lost. Help us to be yours as we wait for you to come again. We love you. Amen.

**FOR DISCUSSION** What are some things you hope for? Are there some ways our family can give hope to others? How are you hopeful about Jesus coming into the world?

