Advent Wreath

Use this time as a family to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Advent season. Make lighting the Advent wreath a time for meaningful connections and discussions with your loved ones.
Start with the Advent wreath blessing:

Dear Jesus, as we light the candles on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent

**light the first purple candle*

Scripture Reflection: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”Isaiah 9:2

**pause for reflection*

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in a messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent

**light the first and second purple candles*

Scripture Reflection: “And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” Luke 2:4-7

**pause for reflection*

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent

**light the first and second purple candles and the rose candle*

Scripture Reflection: “And the shepherds returned, glorifing and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” Luke 2:20

**pause for reflection*

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**light all four candles*

Scripture Reflection: “And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring to you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:10-11

**pause for reflection*

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.