



## COMING UP

**DEC. 6** SNOWY RIDGE  
BEGINS  
(ADVENT WORD – PEACE)

**DEC. 13** SNOWY RIDGE  
(ADVENT WORD – JOY)

**DEC. 20** SNOWY RIDGE  
(ADVENT WORD – LOVE)

## ADVENT VERSE

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government  
will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

## Hey Friends!

Who remembers what we're celebrating this month? Do you remember?

That's right, Advent! That means for the weeks leading up to Christmas, we take time to prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus!

Each Sunday, a special candle is lit to help us remember to pray and prepare our hearts for Jesus to come on Christmas day! This week the candle we light is Peace!

If you have an advent wreath at home, take time to light the first and second candles and pray together as a family.

[ADVENT WREATH IDEAS](#)

If you don't have an Advent wreath at home, click on this link to light a virtual advent wreath. Follow the instructions on the page

[VIRTUAL ADEVENT WREATH](#)

## BIBLE STORY - ZECHARIAH

Supplies:

[BIBLE STORY CARDS](#)

- SAY: **There's a story in the Bible about a man who didn't believe God would do what He said He would do. Let's read it together and find out what happened.**
- You can print the story cards out double sided or read them from your phone/computer (click link above)
- After you read the story say:  
**"God keeps all of His promises, and we can always believe what He says. This is what we need to know today. Say this after me:** (pause to allow kids to repeat)

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)  
**Believe** (pat heart)  
**God** (both hands point up)

[You can also watch this Bible story video about Zechariah](#)

[BIBLE STORY VIDEO- ZECHARIAH](#)



## MEMORY VERSE

**God,**  
(both hands point up)

**You are my God.** ( thumbs to chest)

**I want to follow You."**  
(pretend to pray)

**Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)

## SNOWBALL FUN

supplies: Snowball pictures printout or paper, scissors,  
PRINTOUT ONLINE CARDS

1. Print out the Snowball Pictures **OR** write out these words on 12 individual pieces of paper (each word will go with an online card if you are unable to print):
  - Snowman
  - Music Note
  - Bible
  - Heart
  - Star
  - Snowflake
  - Family
  - Prayer
  - Sad Face
  - Baby
  - Cloud
  - Worship
2. Hide them around the house for your child to find
3. As they find each picture, read the card and do what it says together
4. Continue this until all the cards are found and have been discussed then SAY:

**Great job! God wants you and me to always believe that He will do what He says He will do. Let me hear you say this after me:**

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)

**Believe** (pat heart)

**God** (both hands point up)

## MEMORY VERSE

This is our series memory verse. Over the next eight weeks we'll be reviewing this verse to help our kids practice memorizing God's Word. You can introduce the memory verse like this:

When we believe God, we can follow Him, and our friendship with Him will grow! There's a verse from God's Word that I want to teach you. We can say this verse to God anytime!

Say the memory verse and have kids repeat the verse several times

**"God,** (both hands point up)

**You are my God.** (thumbs to chest)

**I want to follow You."** (pretend to pray)

**Psalm 63:1** (make book with hands)

## GAME: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Supplies: dice or paper

Roll the number dice or write the # 1-6 on paper and put them in a bowl to draw from. Have kids repeat the memory verse after you, based on what number the die lands on or what number they pick:

1. As fast as they can, just like gingerbread men
2. As quiet as falling snowflakes
3. As slow as a sleepy polar bear
4. In a low, deep voice like a wise, old owl
5. In a squeaky, high-pitched voice like a tiny mouse
6. In a singing voice, like carolers at the ranger station



## Hey Parents!

We have a family lesson that goes along with Harborside's Sunday message. Don't forget to check that out to bring your whole family into deeper conversation about what we're learning as a church family!

Find it on our [Harborside Kids at Home](#) website under "Sermon Follow Alongs"

## COLORING ACTIVITY

Supplies: coloring pages, crayons and colored pencils

### COLORING PAGE

1. Pass out coloring pages or have kids draw out something they remember from the story
2. As kids color, engage with them and ask them some questions:
  - **What is one thing that you want for Christmas?**
  - **Does God love you all the time or only sometimes? (All the time) Yes! God wants you to believe that He will always love you.**
  - **Can we believe God? Yes! He is always truthful.**
  - **What was your favorite part of the story?**

## CRAFT: ANGELS FROM ABOVE

Supplies: construction paper, paint or coloring utensils, scissors

Click this link for more instructions: [ANGEL CRAFT](#)

1. Have everyone find a seat at the table
2. Grab some construction paper and white paint (if you don't have paint for the hands, you can trace your child's handprints and have them color their angel instead)
3. Help your child trace their hands as the angel wings and body. We suggest tracing all their fingers EXCEPT their thumbs (look at picture for reference)
4. Let kids draw a face above the wings for their angel after the paint dries. You can get creative and use yarn or tissue for the hair or even put glitter over your paint as it dries to make it sparkly.
5. Let kids color their angel!

**SAY: There was an angel who had a special message in our story. Do you remember what their message was?**

## POLAR BEAR SAYS

Play this game like "Simon Says" but using the phrase "Polar Bear says...." Instead.

Polar Bear says...

- Touch your toes
- Touch your nose
- Spin around
- Reach up high
- Flap arms like an owl
- Stomp feet
- Pat knees
- Clap hands