



COMING UP

DEC. 20 SNOWY RIDGE
(ADVENT WORD – LOVE)

DEC. 23
5PM IN PERSON
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DEC. 24
2PM AND 4PM -IN PERSON
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

8PM – ONLINE ONLY
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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)

Hey Friends!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and we are talking about the word Joy! Can everyone say “joy”?

Can you find this verse in your Bible: Psalm 30:11

“ You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy”

We get to have joy because Jesus came to save us from our sin. We have this joy every day because of Jesus inside us. Let's light our third advent candle, this week it's the pink one, and pray together!

If you have an advent wreath at home, take time to light the first, second, and third 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](#)

Dear Jesus, thank you that you came to save me. Thank you for the joy you give me in my heart. God, prepare our hearts for you on Christmas day as we celebrate your birth. I love you Jesus! Amen.

BIBLE STORY – I CAN HEAR GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Supplies: [BIBLE STORY CARDS](#)

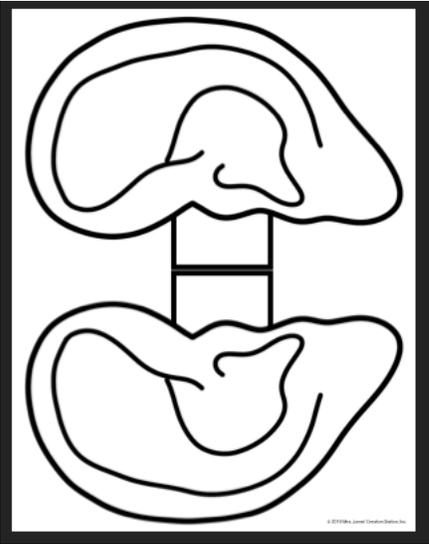
- SAY: **There's a story in the Bible about a man named Joseph who heard God's Good News. Let's read it together and find out what happened.**
- You can print the story cards out double sided or read them from your phone/computer (click link above)
- You can watch this week's Bible story as well

[BIBLE STORY VIDEO- I Can Hear God's Good News](#)

Joy Time

Take this time to play with your kids and try to make them laugh. You know them best and what will work. Here's some ideas:

- Say silly words
- Tickle party
- Do a funny dance
- Make some funny faces



LISTENING EARS

SAY: **God loves to speak to us. When we read God's Word, we are listening to His voice. But our job is to make sure we have "listening ears". Let's make some ears to help us remember to listen for God's voice.**

Supplies: paper ears and headband, crayons or markers, glue sticks
[CRAFT PRINTOUT LINK](#)

1. Click on link to print out ears and headband if printing. Download from website link
 - a. If you don't have a printer, cut out paper shaped like ears and two strips of paper.
2. Let your kids color and decorate their paper craft
3. Once kids start to finish decorating, you can pass out glue sticks so kids can assemble their ears. **Help them measure their head.** Glue the headband portions to the extra paper flap on the ears, front and back.
4. Once kids assemble their ears, set them aside to dry before they wear them.

Say: **You did a great job listening to instructions! Now that we have heard the Good News of Jesus, we can listen for God's voice every day! Let me hear you say this after me:**

I Hear (cup hand to ear)
God (both hands point up)
Good News (two thumbs up)

MEMORIZE IT

1. SAY: **Our friendship with God grows when we hear God's good news about Jesus! We hear that good news when we read God's Word, the Bible. There's a verse from God's Word that I want to teach you. We can say this verse to God any time.**
2. Show memory verse card and have kids repeat the verse several times after you:

"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)

GOD'S VOICE

This is a game where kids try to figure out what is God's voice and what isn't!

Supplies: "Listening Ears", [LISTENING CARDS](#)

- Pick two different corners of the room: one that represents God's voice, the other that is NOT God's voice
- Have kids put on their "listening ears" craft
- Parents, read through the "Listening Cards", allowing the kids to decide if they think it is God's voice or not (when they decide have them go to that corner)
- After everyone has guessed, share with them the correct answer!
- Play until all the Listening Cards have been read.



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:
 - **Would you rather build a snowman or make a snow angel in the snow?**
 - **Do we only celebrate God's good news of Jesus at Christmastime?**
 - **What is one way God speaks? (Through the Bible, God's Word)**

LISTENING GAMES

Supplies: youtube, listening ears

SAY: We're going to do some fun songs to help us remember to listen to God's voice. Can you follow the directions:

- Look up on youtube these three song:
 - Baby Shark
 - Going on a Bear Hunt
 - Listen and Move by The Cartoon Kids

GAME: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Supplies: dice

Roll the number dice. Have kids repeat the memory verse after you, based on what number the die lands on:

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

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