



Waiting in **HOPE**

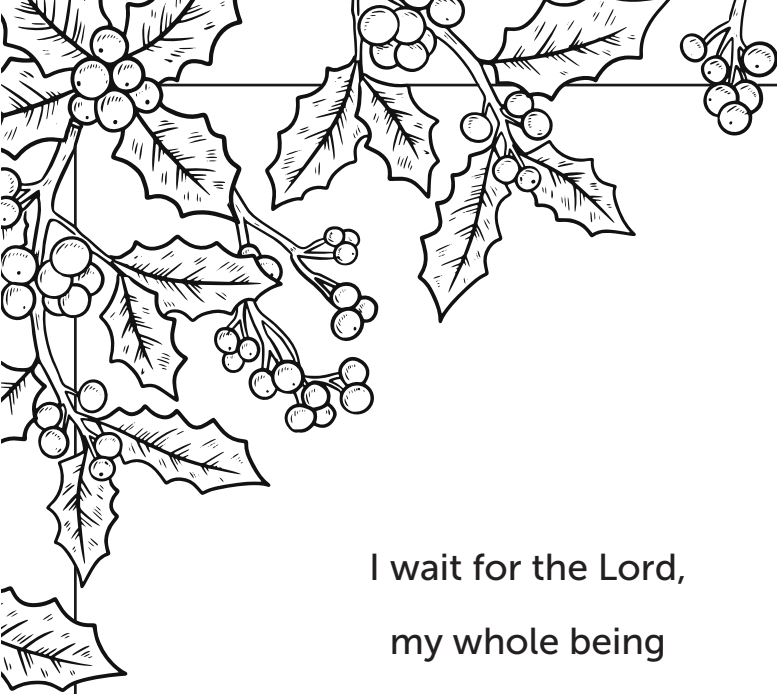
A 4-Week Advent Devotional



This devotional was put together for you by Hope and Healing International. Our hope is that these pages give you a creative way to spend time with God as you colour the pages and write your own reflections and prayers. You can also use this devotional with your kids to teach them more about Advent. We pray this devotional helps you slow down and reflect on the true meaning of this season.

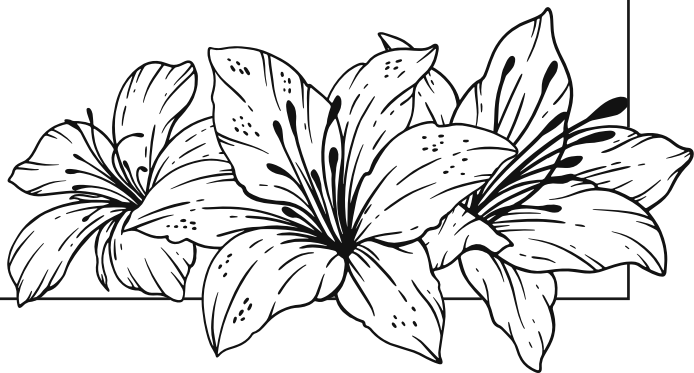
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I wait for the Lord,
my whole being
waits, and in his
word I put my
HOPE

- PSALM 130:5 (NIV)

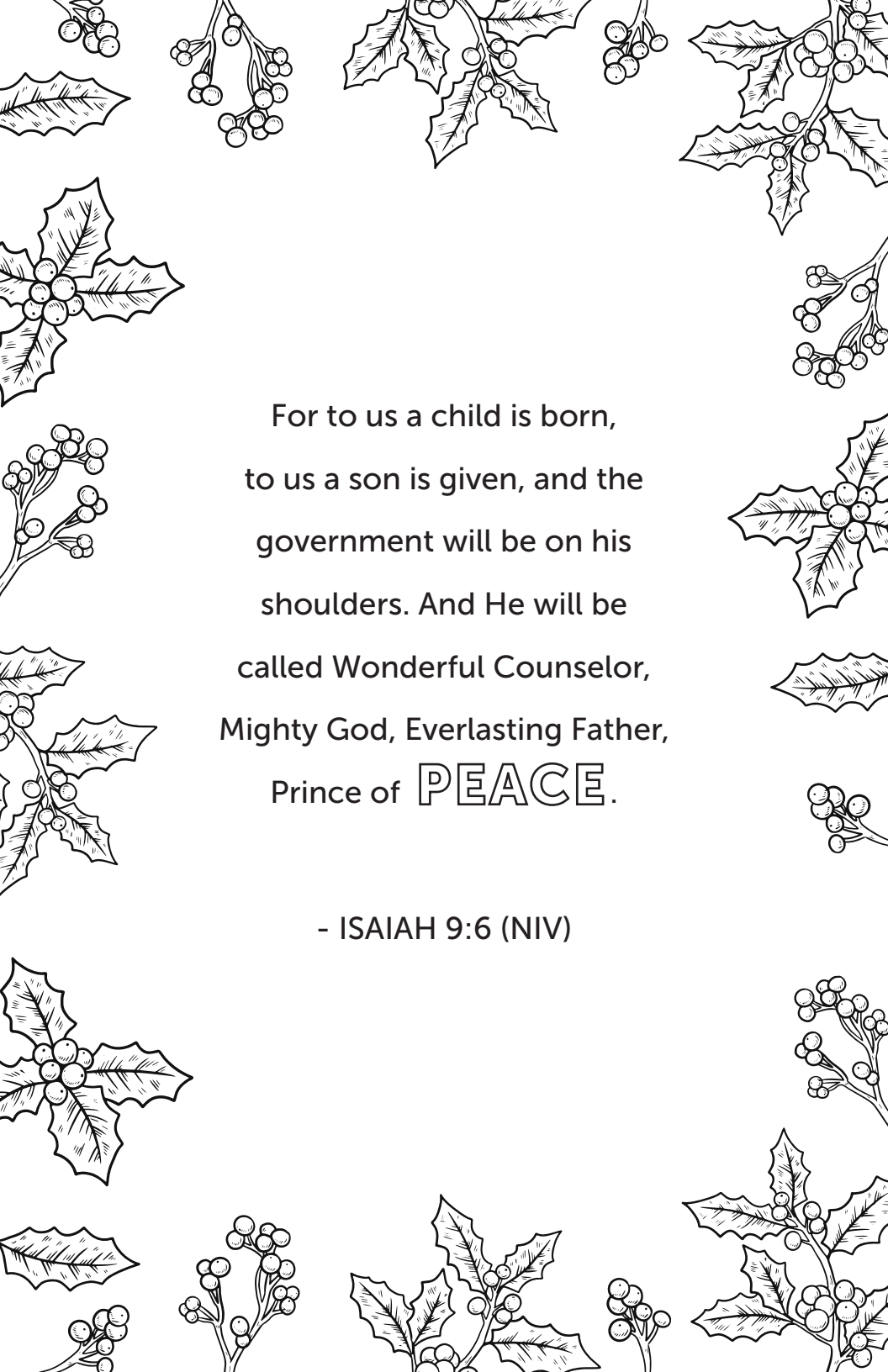


Advent Week 1: Hope

The first week of Advent is the week of Hope. It reflects the Israelites' hope that the promised Messiah would come. This hope was deeply rooted in God's character. The Israelites had seen God keep His promises before, and they knew He would be faithful again. Today, we remember that God keeps His promises to us as well. We have hope because we know that God will do what He says He will do, even if we don't see it yet. Christmas is the perfect reminder that God keeps His promises to His people.



My Prayer for Hope

The page is decorated with various illustrations of holly leaves and berries. Some are large and detailed, while others are smaller and more stylized. The leaves have characteristic pointed, serrated edges, and the berries are small and round, clustered together on thin stems.

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.

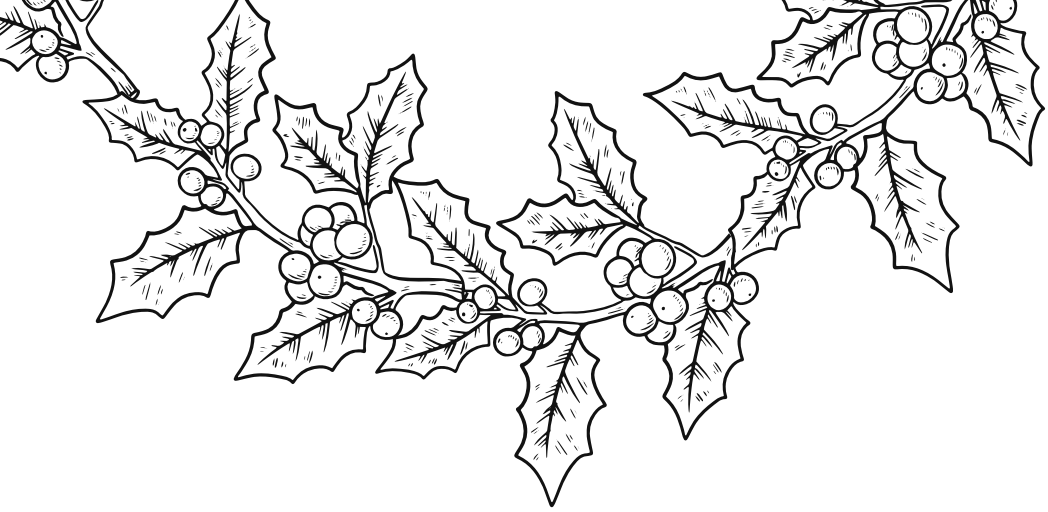
- ISAIAH 9:6 (NIV)

Advent Week 2: Peace

Week two of Advent is the week of Peace. We read in Isaiah 9:6 that Jesus came to be the Prince of Peace. "Peace" is the Hebrew word "shalom", which means wholeness or well-being. And that's exactly what Jesus offers us – wholeness and well-being in Him – no matter what we face. Peace doesn't mean our troubles disappear, but in the middle of trouble, we can have a steady mind and firm confidence because Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is always with us.



My Prayer of Peace



For God so **LOVED** the world
that he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.

- JOHN 3:16 (NIV)



Advent Week 3: Love

Week three of Advent is the week of Love. This week, we celebrate the greatness of God's love for us. He loves us so much that He sent Jesus, His only Son. And there's nothing we do – or don't do – that could take away or earn God's love. Despite our shortcomings, sin, and tendency to drift away from God, His love for us is unfailing and unchanging. Find rest in His perfect love for you today and reflect on how you can show it to others around you.



My Prayer of Love



Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great **JOY** which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

- LUKE 2:10-11 (NIV)



Advent Week 4: Joy

The fourth and final week of Advent celebrates Joy – the joy of salvation. During a time of darkness for God’s people, Jesus, the Saviour and Light of the World entered into the world to save us from our sin. His birth brought great joy! And this Christmas, we also can celebrate with great joy because Jesus has given us salvation. What a beautiful gift to celebrate at Christmas!



My Prayer of Joy