

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a red knit beanie and a red scarf, is shown in profile, looking down at a glowing lantern. The lantern has a warm, golden light emanating from it. The background is dark with falling snow and bokeh lights. The entire scene is framed by a red border with gold geometric lines.

ARISE AND SHINE

*Family  
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*Family Advent  
Worship Series*

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## ARISE AND SHINE

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# *Family Advent Worship Series*

### ABOUT THE SERIES

Celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world, with this Arise and Shine Family Advent Worship Series. Each week individuals and families, children and adults, will come together to worship in an informal setting. We will learn that Jesus came to be our Light in this dark and sin-filled world. Healed by his forgiveness, we reflect the light of his love. When Jesus returns, we will live forever with him, shining like stars in his presence. The order of service each week includes the lighting of the Advent wreath, hymns, special responses for children, prayers, a message for children and adults, a family craft project and discussion questions for a family conversation.

**Week 1: Rising Light** (Isaiah 60:1-2): Living in the light of Jesus, we prepare to celebrate his birth. We repent of our sins and put away the works of darkness as we walk in Jesus' light. Those attending the service will make wooden spoon Christmas light magnets.

**Week 2: Reflected Light** (Zechariah 9:14, 16): During Advent, and throughout the year, we reflect the light of Jesus so that others will see his love in our words and actions. Filled with Jesus' love and light, we shine like jewels in a crown! Those attending the service will create jeweled paper crowns.

**Week 3: Healing Light** (Malachi 4:2): With repentant joy we anticipate the birth of our Savior, the Sun of Righteousness. Jesus healed many people during his earthly ministry. When he died and rose from the dead, he brought us peace and healing through the forgiveness of sins. Those attending the service will make a mini-first-aid kit.

**Week 4: Eternal Light** (Daniel 12:1-3): We will soon celebrate Jesus' birth and we also look forward to his Second Advent when he returns on the Last Day. On that great day we will be raised in glory to live with him forever. We will shine like stars in the light of his presence! Those attending the service will create craft stick star ornaments.

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# *Family Advent Worship Series*

## NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN NOTICES

### WEEK ONE NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Everyone is invited to attend our Family Advent worship! Parts of these special Advent services are written especially for children, but we are all children of God, who was born among us and slept wrapped in swaddling cloths in a manger in Bethlehem. Bright Christmas lights remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world. In our first service we will learn about the light of Jesus that rises in our hearts as we prepare to celebrate his birth. As our Advent craft, we will make wooden spoon Christmas light magnets.

### WEEK ONE BULLETIN NOTICE

Today we have come together to worship Jesus our Savior, who said, "I am the Light of the world." In this first Advent service we will learn about living in the light of Jesus. For an Advent craft project, we will make wooden spoon Christmas light magnets.

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## NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN NOTICES

### WEEK TWO NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Everyone is invited to attend our Family Advent worship! Parts of these special Advent services are written especially for children, but we are all children of God, who was born among us and slept wrapped in swaddling cloths in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we reflect his light in our lives each day as we show love and kindness to others in Jesus' name.

We shine like jewels in a crown! As our Advent craft, we will make jeweled paper crowns.

### WEEK TWO BULLETIN NOTICE

Today we have gathered to worship Jesus our Savior, the Light of the world. In our second Advent service we will learn ways in which we can reflect the light of Jesus' love so that others will come to his light. For our Advent craft project, we will make jeweled paper crowns.

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## NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN NOTICES

### WEEK THREE NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Everyone is welcome at our Family Advent worship! Parts of these special Advent services are written especially for children, but we are all children of God, who was born among us and slept wrapped in swaddling cloths in a manger in Bethlehem. In our third Advent service we will learn that Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness, whose rising brings us healing through the forgiveness of sins. As our Advent craft, we will make a mini-first-aid kit.

### WEEK THREE BULLETIN NOTICE

Today we have come together to worship Jesus our Savior. Jesus, the Light of the world, was born among us, shining with the healing light of his love. We live now healed by his forgiveness and share his forgiving love with others. For our Advent craft project, we will make mini-first-aid kits.

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## NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN NOTICES

### WEEK FOUR NEWSLETTER NOTICE

You are invited to attend our fourth Family Advent worship! Some parts of these special Advent services are written especially for children, but we are all children of God, who was born among us and slept wrapped in swaddling cloths in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus is the Light who shines in the darkness. In the fourth Advent service we will remember Jesus' promise to return. On that day we will shine like stars in his presence forever. As our Advent craft, we will make craft stick star ornaments.

### WEEK FOUR BULLETIN NOTICE

We are preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior, and today we have come together to worship him. He is the Light of the world. In our fourth Family Advent service we will remember Jesus' promise to return. We will live forever with him, shining like stars in the light of his presence. For our Advent craft project, we will make craft stick star ornaments.

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WEEK TWO: REFLECTED LIGHT

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Like jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. Zechariah 9:16*

Advent Praise

*(Before the worship service, let children and adults suggest Christ-centered Advent and Christmas hymns and carols; sing with the organ, piano or a cappella; sing one verse of each song suggested.)*

Invocation

**P** We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*(Two blue or purple candles are lit.)*

**P** We light the second candle on the Advent wreath, remembering that we reflect the light of Jesus in our lives.

**C** Lord Jesus, let your love shine through us.



**P** Jesus tells us, “You are the light of the world.”

**C** Lord Jesus, help us to share the light of your love.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C** Almighty God, we do not always reflect the light of Jesus. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Forgive us and help us to share Jesus’ love and light with others.

**P** God sent his Son to be your Savior and your Light. Jesus died for you and rose from the dead to give you eternal life. Because of Jesus, God forgives all of your sins.

**C** Jesus, Light of the world, shine in and through us today and always.

#### Prayer of the Day

#### Sentences for Young Children

*(The leader says the lines and performs the motions. The children and adults repeat the words and copy the motions.)*

When scary things fill us with fear  
*(Put hands to sides of face.)*

And day seems dark as night,  
*(Shield eyes with hand, as if searching.)*

When we feel scared and all alone,  
*(Hug self.)*

Then Jesus is our Light!  
*(Lift hands up high in praise.)*

To die and take our sins away  
*(Stretch out arms to each side.)*

From heaven he came down,  
*(Point up, then down.)*

And now we shine with Jesus’ love  
*(Put both hands over your heart.)*

Like jewels in a crown!  
(Put hands on head as if placing a crown.)

Song..... The Advent of Our King (St. Thomas SM)

The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

Old Testament Reading..... Zechariah 9:14, 16

Gospel Reading..... Matthew 5:14-16

Song..... This Little Gospel Light of Mine

This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

### Message

### Family Advent Craft: Jeweled Paper Crown

### Family Advent Conversation

### Offering

### Offering Prayer

*(The offerings are brought to the altar. The leader speaks the offering prayer and performs the motions. Children and adults repeat the words and copy the motions.)*

Our offerings we bring to you,  
*(Hold up cupped hands.)*

Our words of love, and actions, too.  
*(Place both hands over your heart.)*

Use these gifts, dear Lord, we pray,  
*(Fold hands in prayer.)*

To share the good news every day,  
*(Cup hands around mouth as if shouting.)*

News of great joy for all the earth  
*(Sweep hands up and around in a big circle.)*

Of Jesus Christ our Savior's birth!  
*(Rock a "baby" in your arms.)*

Song..... God Loves Me Dearly (Gott Ist Die Liebe 55 54 and refrain)

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

I was in slavery, sin, death and darkness;  
God's love was working to make me free.  
Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.  
Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

**P** The prophet Zechariah said, "On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people;

**C** For like jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land."

**P** May God who has crowned you with life, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, shine in your hearts and may he bless you and keep you in his care, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Closing Song ..... O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (Valet Will Ich Dir Geben 76 76 D)

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

He comes to judge the nations, a terror to his foes,  
A light of consolations and blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth your beams so cheering, and guide us safely home.

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WEEK TWO: REFLECTED LIGHT

COMPLETE SCRIPT FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- If desired, an **Environmental Projection** is shown on a screen or on the walls of your worship space to set the tone for the service before the service begins or throughout the service at various points:

- <https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/burning-candles-on-decorative-glass-gm943675586-257820189>

- The **Theme Verse** is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader at the start of the service or is read silently by the congregation before the service begins:

*Like jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. Zechariah 9:16*

- **Advent Praise** takes place: Before the worship service, let children and adults suggest Christ-centered Advent and Christmas hymns and carols; sing with the organ, piano or a cappella; sing one verse of each song suggested.

- The **Invocation** is spoken by the pastor:

Ⓟ We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- The **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** is spoken responsively by the pastor or worship leader and the congregation, and includes the lighting of the two blue or purple candles of the Advent wreath:

*(Two blue or purple candles are lit.)*

Ⓟ We light the second candle on the Advent wreath, remembering that we reflect the light of Jesus in our lives.

Ⓒ **Lord Jesus, let your love shine through us.**

Ⓟ Jesus tells us, “You are the light of the world.”

Ⓒ **Lord Jesus, help us to share the light of your love.**

- The **Confession and Absolution** is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

Ⓟ Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

Ⓒ **Almighty God, we do not always reflect the light of Jesus. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Forgive us and help us to share Jesus’ love and light with others.**

Ⓟ God sent his Son to be your Savior and your Light. Jesus died for you and rose from the dead to give you eternal life. Because of Jesus, God forgives all of your sins.

Ⓒ **Jesus, Light of the world, shine in and through us today and always.**

- The **Prayer of the Day** is spoken by the pastor:

Ⓟ Heavenly Father, Jesus was born among us as our Savior and as the Light in the darkness of this sinful world. Help us to reflect the light of his love so that others will come to know him as Lord and Savior and leave behind the works of darkness as they walk in his light. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

- The **Sentences for Young Children** take place. The leader says the lines and performs the motions. The children and adults repeat the words line by line and copy the motions:

When scary things fill us with fear  
*(Put hands to sides of face.)*

And day seems dark as night,  
*(Shield eyes with hand, as if searching.)*

When we feel scared and all alone,  
*(Hug self.)*

Then Jesus is our Light!  
*(Lift hands up high in praise.)*

To die and take our sins away  
*(Stretch out arms to each side.)*

From heaven he came down,  
*(Point up, then down.)*

And now we shine with Jesus' love  
*(Put both hands over your heart.)*

Like jewels in a crown!  
*(Put hands on head as if placing a crown.)*

- A **Song** is sung by the congregation to the tune St. Thomas SM, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

The advent of our King  
 Our prayers must now employ,  
 And we must hymns of welcome sing  
 In strains of holy joy.

Before the dawning day  
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
 The sinful self be put away,  
 The new self now put on.



All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

- The **Old Testament Reading**, Zechariah 9:14, 16, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

☐ Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow will go forth like lightning ... On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

- The **Gospel Reading**, Matthew 5:14-16, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

☐ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

- A **Song** is sung by the congregation to the tune *This Little Gospel Light of Mine*, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
This little Gospel light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Like a jewel in a crown,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
All the time, let it shine all the time!

- The **Message** is delivered by the pastor or other worship leader:

*(Needed: a flashlight and a mirror, a small table or stool and a bowl)*

- ☐ Today I brought a mirror and a flashlight. Instead of pointing the flashlight directly at the wall, I'm going to use this mirror to reflect the light from the flashlight onto the wall.

*(If possible, dim the lights in the room. Shine the flashlight onto the mirror so the light reflects onto a nearby wall. Move the mirror to move the reflected light to different places.)*

The light from the flashlight is reflected by the mirror. That means that the light from the flashlight bounces off the shiny surface of the mirror and appears wherever I aim the mirror. Today we want to think about the ways we reflect the light of Jesus.

Jesus came to be the Light of the world. We light candles on our Advent wreath and we decorate our homes and our church with bright, colorful lights to celebrate Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." He came to die on the cross and rise from the dead to chase away the darkness of sin. Jesus said to us, "You are the light of the world." We reflect the light of Jesus in our lives. The light of Jesus' love fills us and reflects from us to other people. That means the light of Jesus' love "bounces off" of us and shines on others. God tells us that we will shine like jewels in a crown! Think of Jesus' love shining out from your life like emeralds and rubies and diamonds!

Let's use my mirror and my flashlight again. I'll make the light bounce off of the mirror.

*(Place the mirror on the table or stool and cover it with a bowl or similar object. Try to shine the flashlight on the covered mirror.)*

My mirror isn't reflecting the light! Why isn't it working this time? It doesn't work because I covered up the mirror! It can't reflect light that way! Jesus said that people don't cover up a light or a lamp. They put it on a lampstand or a table where it can give light to the house. We should not cover up Jesus' love. We are to let our light shine so that others will see the light of Jesus' love in the things we say and do.

We can let Jesus' light reflect or bounce off of us in many different ways. If someone hurts our feelings, we can forgive them, just like God forgives us. That is letting our light shine. We can obey our parents and teachers. We can help around the house, even without being asked. That is letting our light shine. We can use kind words when we talk to others, instead of becoming angry and arguing. We can do what we can to help people in need. We can tell our friends and neighbors how much Jesus loves them. We can share the good news that he died and rose from the dead to take our sins away. That is letting our light shine so that others will see Jesus' light in us.

When we say and do these kinds of things, we are letting the light of Jesus' love shine through us and bounce off of us to shine on others. When they see Jesus' love shining in your life, they will want to learn more about him. They will want to live in his light, too! Jesus is the Light of the world, and we are lights too. We shine like jewels in a crown!

Now everyone will work together to make a Jeweled Paper Crown to remind us that we reflect Jesus' light in our lives and shine like jewels in a crown. While you are working, or later at home, you can discuss the Advent Conversation questions.

- The **Family Advent Craft: Jeweled Paper Crown** instruction sheets, a picture and patterns (see pp. 53-56 for reproducible handouts) are handed out for families to do now or on their own during the week:

Needed: crown template; yellow (8½" x 11") cardstock or construction paper; scissors; glue; glitter; sequins; clear tape.

Directions:

1. Print the crown template on yellow cardstock or yellow construction paper or provide cardstock templates to be traced onto yellow paper. Cut out the centerpiece of the crown and the headband pieces.
  2. Use glitter and sequins to decorate the crowns.
  3. Assemble the centerpiece and head bands of the crown with tape; adjust to fit.
- The **Family Advent Conversation** (see p. 57 for reproducible handout) can be handed out. Ask families to discuss the questions on the printed handout. If time does not allow for this, families may discuss the questions at home:
    1. Describe the crown of a king or queen. What would it look like?
    2. How can the things you do every day shine with the light of Jesus' love?
    3. What kind and helpful words can you say to others that will share the light of Jesus' love?

Tune.....St. Thomas SM

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It starts with a whole rest, followed by a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. A first fingering '1' is indicated at the beginning of the bass staff.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It starts with a whole rest, followed by a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. A fifth fingering '5' is indicated at the beginning of the bass staff.

Creative  
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All glory to the Son,  
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WEEK 2: REFLECTED LIGHT

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SONG  
SUGGESTIONS

- The following song suggestions can be used for a more contemporary worship service in place of the more traditional hymns included in this kit. Rights to use these songs in the service must be purchased by your parish through CCLI or other copyright licensing agencies.

“Lord Reign in Me” by Brenton Brown

“Shine on Us” by Deborah D. Smith and Michael W. Smith

“Shine” by Marc James and Tre Sheppard

“Shine Your Light on Us” by Chase Jenkins, Dan Hamilton, Robbie Seay, Ryan Owens and Taylor Johson

“Light of the World” by Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan and Paul Mabury

“Light” by Calie Garrett

“Let There Be Light” by Brooke Ligertwood, Joel Houston, Jonas Myrin, Matt Crocker, Michael Guy Chislett and Scott Ligertwood

“Light a Candle” by Joel Lindsey and Wayne Haun