



December 3, 2023, Advent I: Promise of the Messiah Jeremiah 33:14-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of promise, stir up in us the anticipation of this holy season of waiting. Fill our hearts with hope for the messiah's coming, and give us patience, for your time is not our time, and we do not know the day or the hour. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Jeremiah 33:14



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God makes a new covenant with God's people and promises to do a new thing: send a messiah who will save God's people and rule in righteousness.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Think of a tough promise someone kept. Why do you think they followed through? What makes someone good at keeping promises?
- When you have felt brokenhearted, was it easy to hear that things would get better? What helped you move on?
- For the littles: What is a promise? God promises to love you forever!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

You are beloved and worth the promise of God's love. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

God promises a messiah, and the world celebrates by purchasing gifts. This year, try practicing mindfulness by buying less, or making a gift for the ones you love.

Daily Readings	Narrative Lectionary Readings
Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-18 A Righteous Branch
Monday	Daniel 1:1-17 Young Jews in Exile
Tuesday	Daniel 1:8-17 Life in a new Land
Wednesday	Daniel 1:18-21 The Wise Exiles
Thursday	Daniel 3:1-17 The Jealous Gentiles
Friday	Daniel 3:8-18 The Three Faithful Men
Saturday	Daniel 3:19-30 The Fiery Furnace
Sunday	Isaiah 40:25-31 Eagles' Wings