

Living Out Loud

every night...every home

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REMEMBER this week

The most difficult circumstance, the most broken relationship, the deepest pain — none of these is beyond Christ's reach. The Commander of Peace comes into your mess to bind himself to you for eternity and to calm your heart and mind in the present. No one brings peace like Jesus.

table GRACE

Lord Jesus, we join together these Christmas days, With shepherds and angels, to give you praise. Be present with us, as at the stable, Bless our sharing around this table. Amen.

VERSE of the week

**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
Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

THOUGHT for the week

**God cannot give us
happiness and peace,
apart from himself,
because it is not there.
There is no such thing.**

C .S. Lewis

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1 lets SHARE

1. Share your highs and lows.
2. In what places do you feel most peaceful?
3. The angels' sang, 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all!' In what ways do you/don't you experience the truth of the angel's' words at Christmas time?
4. The Greek word for 'peace' means to bind together - it's to take all the broken pieces and bind them together as a whole. What do you need Jesus to bind together this Christmas?
5. Which name of the Christ-child is most meaningful to you at this time of your life - Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace, Immanuel, Jesus? Why?

2 lets READ

Sunday	Isaiah 9:6
Monday	Micah 5:2-5a
Tuesday	Luke 2:1-15
Wednesday	John 1:1-5, 14
Thursday	Titus 3:4-7
Friday	Galatians 4:4-5
Saturday	Isaiah 26:3

3 lets TALK

- A – What is this text ABOUT?
- B – What is the BEST thing about this text?
- C – What is the most CONFUSING or CHALLENGING part of this text?
- D – What does God want you to DO?

5 lets BLESS

Bless eachother with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

Name, the Prince of peace
has bound himself to you
forever. Amen.

4 lets PRAY

PRAISE GOD for sending Jesus right into the middle of the mess of this world to be our Saviour.

THANK JESUS that his birth binds together all that is broken in your life.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to let the joy and peace of Jesus' presence shine brightly in you.