

# Prayer Spaces

## Advent Wreath - HOPE, JOY, PEACE, LOVE!

### Station 1 - PEACE IN THE WORLD

*Thoughts, hopes, wishes or prayer*

#### Listen:-

This activity encourages you to think about the words HOPE, PEACE, LOVE AND JOY!

Particularly the word PEACE!

It gives you the time to think, and pray if you want to, about those in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves!

It gives you the time to think and pray for those who may need PEACE in Our World this Christmas Time!

#### Pray:-

In front of you is a giant Advent Wreath! You might see these on people doors on their homes, but they can also be seen in Church during the weeks leading up to Christmas!

Each week we light a Candle to celebrate the lead up to Christmas and the Birth of Jesus!

On this Advent Wreath you can see the words spelt out in Candles of HOPE, JOY AND LOVE! But PEACE is missing!

Write on a heart post it note a prayer, thought, hope or wish for someone who may need PEACE this Christmas Time!

It might be someone you know or someone you don't know but you have seen?

Once you have done this place a candle on top of your Heart Post it Note and place it inside the Advent Wreath!



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## HOPE and Guidance

### Station 2 - Star of HOPE and Guidance

*Thoughts, hopes, wishes or prayer*

#### Listen:-

**This activity encourages you to think about the word HOPE!**

**It gives you the time to think, and pray if you want to, about people who need HOPE and GUIDANCE as we focus on this beautiful bright shining STAR!**

**A star in the sky helped guide the Wise Men to find Jesus, Our Saviour, and Born in a Stable on that starry night!**

**A star shone bright in the sky just like this! Its reflection and bright shine reflecting and glowing to guide the way and help people to know where Jesus was!**

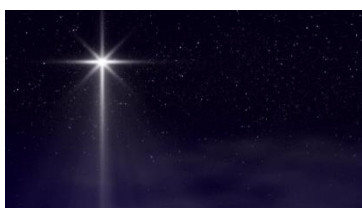
**God put a star in the sky to help guide the wise men find Jesus!**

#### Pray:-

**Is there something you need help with?**

**Do you know someone or do you need Hope or Guidance in your life?**

**If you want to, you can write a prayer for help or guidance onto a star and place it on the night sky! Then you can take a special star away to write a prayer or wish and place this in your window or on your tree at Home!**



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## Joy and a Journey

### Station 3 - Tree of JOY and a Journey

*Thoughts, hopes, wishes or prayer*

#### Listen:-

**This activity encourages you to think about the word JOY!**

**It gives you the time to think, and pray if you want to, about the things that bring JOY to you?**

**In the Christmas story, Joseph and Mary travelled far from Nazareth to Bethlehem!  
The wise men from the East travelled even further on Camels or Donkeys, following a bright star all the way to Bethlehem!**

#### Pray:-

**The Christmas story is full of joy and rejoicing as Jesus is born!**

**Is there something that brings you Joy?  
Or perhaps there is something about the Christmas story that makes you joyful?**

**Life is like a journey just like the journey we hear in this story!  
On the path leadings up to our stable scene you can see the journey that they all went on.**

**Take a stone and draw on the stone what brings joy to you about this story or at Christmas or in your life.**

**Then place this stone along the path on the journey to Bethlehem.**



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## LOVE and Thankfulness

### Station 4 – Gifts of Love and Thankfulness - LOVE

*Thoughts, hopes, wishes or prayer*

#### Listen:-

**This activity encourages you to think about the word LOVE!**

**It gives you the time to think, and pray if you want to, about people, things, places you LOVE and are THANKFUL for!**

#### Pray:-

**Christmas is a time where we see family and friends; where we think about the year that has just gone by and the year to come.**

**Take a moment to think of three things you can be thankful for that have happened since last Christmas.**

**It might be passing an exam, getting into another school, winning a sporting event.**

**Write the three things you are thankful for onto a piece of coloured paper and place it inside one of the gifts.**

**When the Wise Men found Jesus they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

**What 'gifts' do you have? (Not just things, but people, skills, memories, anything really.)**

**What are you thankful for? Write this on another coloured piece of paper and place this in another gift box by our Tree.**

