

# along the way

DECEMBER 2024

Along The Way is a monthly resource for families to nurture faith by connecting church and home. The ideas shared are taken from the stories the kids are exploring at church on Sundays this month.



## BLESS

### Wee Ones (Birth -3 Years)

Jesus knows you,  
Jesus loves you,  
And He is always with you.

### Loft (4-6 years)

God made you.  
God loves you,  
God blesses you.  
God is with you.

### Wonderground (1st -5th)

You are prized and precious,  
liked and loved,  
capable and curious,  
blessed to be a blessing,  
a child of God and treasure in  
our family.

Go in God's love!



## SING

### "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

"Light One Candle"  
(4 year olds-5th graders will  
sing these in the service Dec 22)

### Wee Ones & Loft (1-6 years)

"Christmas Bells"  
to the tune of "Jingle Bells".  
Quiet night, star so bright,  
Stable filled with hay,  
Here is baby Jesus,  
born on Christmas Day.  
Angels sing of the king;  
Shepherds bow so low.  
God has sent His Son to us  
Because He loves us so!



## READ

### Wee Ones (1-3 yrs)

Read the story of Jesus' birth in  
a children's Bible.

### Loft & Wonderground (4 yrs - 5th grade)

Read Luke 2:1-21 &  
Matthew 2:1-12

Read the weekly passages in  
the Family Advent Guide.



## TALK

### Wee Ones (1-3 yrs)

Talk about all the people that  
were excited to celebrate Jesus'  
birth: wisemen, shepherds, and  
angels.

### Loft (4-6 yrs)

Remind your child that miracles  
make us stop, say whoa and  
pay attention to what God is  
doing! What miracles do we see  
in the Christmas story?

### Wonderground (1st-5th)

Use the questions in the Family  
Advent Guide to explore the  
idea of tabernacle, our church-  
wide Advent theme.



## PRAY

### Five Finger Prayer

Invite kids to hold each  
finger as you lead them  
through this prayer.  
Thumb - Point thumb  
towards yourself and ask  
God for what you need.  
Pointer - Pray for a teacher  
or coach.  
Tallest- Pray for the  
president.  
Ring- Pray for parents.  
Pinkie - Pray for little sister,  
brother or cousin.



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*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. DEUTERONOMY 6:6-8*

# Advent Offerings

## Family Advent Guide



- Pick up a Family Advent Guide at the Kids Check-In tables to use at home with kids 4 years old and up.
- Find a digital version at [jacobswellchurch.org/resources](http://jacobswellchurch.org/resources).
- For toddlers, ages 1-3, we have an Advent resource called 'Playing in the Advent Story.' It will also be available at the Kids Check-In tables.

## Tuesday Evening Gatherings



- Join us Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm for 'Watch for the Light' services on Dec 3 and 10 & the 'Longest Night of the Year' service on Dec 17.
- Kids Community/Childcare RSVP needed by 11/29, 12/6 and 12/13 on the forms at [jacobswellchurch.org/events](http://jacobswellchurch.org/events).
- Kids will have time to play in the God's story with their friends.

## Kids Sing in the Service



- 4 year olds - 5th graders will sing in the service on Sunday, Dec 22 at 9:00 or 11:00 am.
- Please plan to arrive a few minutes early as kids will be singing at the beginning of the service.
- Check-in your child and take them to class.
- Kids will be singing 'Go Tell it on the Mountain' & 'Light One Candle.'

## Christmas Bible Sale



- We will be selling some of our favorite Bibles on Sundays Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22.
- Check them out at the Kids Check-In table across from the prayer chapel.
- These Bibles would make great presents for your kiddos this Christmas!
- You will also find the book 'Films for All Seasons' written by congregant, Abby Olcese.

## Christmas Eve Gatherings

**3:00 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm**

**childcare for babes - kindergarteners at 3:00 & 4:30**

**no sign-up required**