

# Family Advent Service

WONDROUS HOPE









#### WONDROUS: causing wonder or amazement

- Almost too good to be true
- So wonderful it's hard to describe
- Makes you stop and wonder how it could be so amazing
- Out of the ordinary in a crazy, wonderful way

#### God is truly WONDROUS!

- His love is almost too good to be true
- His peace is so wonderful it's hard to describe
- His faithfulness makes you stop and wonder in amazement
- God is out of the ordinary in a crazy, wonderful way

There are things ONLY GOD CAN DO!!

What are some things in the Old Testament that only God could do?

What crazy, wondrous things happened when Jesus was born?

### What are some wondrous things that God wants to do in our family?

#### **PSALM 77:14** NLT

You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. When we look at the wondrous things God has done in the past, we can have sure **HOPE** in Him for our present and future.

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### Two kinds of HOPE

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Example: "I hope I get this toy."

Godly Hope: to wait for something, knowing it's going to happen

Example: "I hope Christmas comes soon!"

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Wish vs. Wait



## HOPE in the Old Testament

ISAIAH 9:6 NLT

For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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#### Promises from God that give us HOPE:

God will give you peace | Philippians 4:6-7
God will never leave you | Deuteronomy 31:8
God will guide you and watch over you
Psalm 32:8
Jesus will give you rest | Matthew 11:28-29
Jesus heals you | 1 Peter 2:24

God works everything for your good Romans 8:28

God gives you strength | Isaiah 40:29

God will help you | Isaiah 41:10
God gives you wisdom | James 1:5
God forgives you | 1 John 1:9
God gives you eternal life in Jesus | John 3:16
Jesus sets you free | John 8:36
God will be with you wherever you go | John 1:9
God meets all your needs | Philippians 4:19
Nothing can separate you from God's love
Romans 8:38-39

Which promises from God are most important for you to hope in right now?