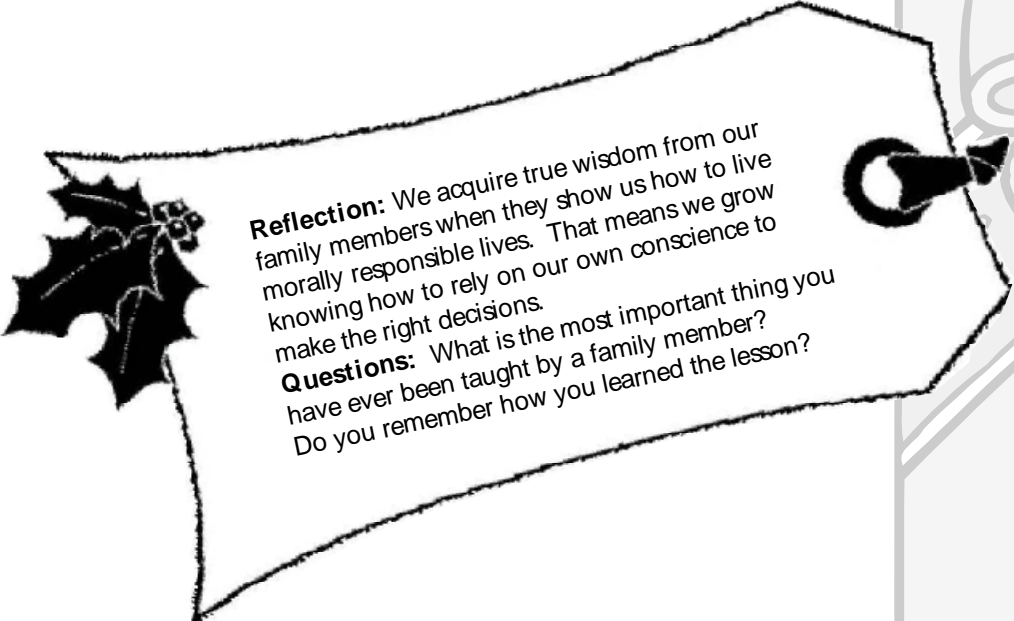


Third Sunday of Advent

Theme: The Lord is in your Midst.




Reflection: We acquire true wisdom from our family members when they show us how to live morally responsible lives. That means we grow knowing how to rely on our own conscience to make the right decisions.
Questions: What is the most important thing you have ever been taught by a family member? Do you remember how you learned the lesson?

SAVE US, O LORD


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Refrain



Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come.



Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back.



We are Called...

God calls each person to a life of holiness. Take time during dinner one night this week to tell another family member why you think he or she is holy.

The Pink Candle

The Third Sunday of Advent is the week we add the pink candle. Did you ever wonder why? A long time ago, pink roses were used to honor special people. Pink was chosen because it represented hope and joy. Get a box of small pink birthday candles this week. Every time someone in your family makes you feel truly joyful, honor that person by giving him or her a candle as a reminder of how he or she lights up your world, just as the Christ child came to bring light to ours.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Did you know the hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel was written in the 9th century? The beginning of each verse gives a name for the Christ and expresses how excited people were about His arrival. Find a copy of the song and write these names on lengths of ribbon to hang on your Christmas tree. See if you can think of other names as well, to put on the ribbons.

This Little Light

Put a little light into someone else's world this week by preparing a small plate of special holiday cookies and candies. Give it to a neighbor or other person you know who, for any reason, might not be able to prepare these kinds of things anymore. It will brighten their world a great deal to be able to share it with guests who might visit them throughout the Christmas season.

Scripture Readings:
Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

My idea to follow Jesus this coming week....

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