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# TIPTOEING TOWARD PEACE

Nurturing Faith and Spirituality at Home

The Season of Advent invites us into wild possibilities of tiny buds of hope. Together and apart, we consider how these buds grow in and through our everyday living.



The prophet Isaiah leads us into the Season of Advent, offering visions of a world of peace and harmony and a child leading the way forward. We join Mary in her song of justice and joy, hear the promise of a child from Joseph's point of view and take courage from Joseph's example of faithful living in troubled times.

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This week, as we look to see where we might find Christ in our ordinary lives, a prophet inspires us with what it looks like to cease war and learn peace.

## Finding Peace in our World

**Read** [Isaiah 2:1–5](#) or **listen** to the audio story "[The Voice of the Prophet](#)" or **gather** around as someone tells the story "[Peace Is Coming](#)" in this week's Exploring Our Faith.

The prophet challenges and inspires us with images of what it looks like to cease war and learn peace: swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning tools. Consider other contemporary images that capture Isaiah's challenge.

• **How do such images and visions help us to unlearn war?**

**Listen** to Wendell Berry's poem "[The Peace of Wild Things](#)" to remember that when war and violence shatters the world, there is hope in the world around us.

- **Where do you go to find peace?**
- **What makes that place feel like peace?**

## Read, Create, Light, Make

**Read** about how artist Pedro Reyes turned [guns into musical instruments and garden tools](#). Look closely at the photos in the article of these new creations and think about what you might make to create peace. Maybe it is as simple as using a shovel to plant a new seed in the earth.

**Create** [Mini Peace Doves](#) to hang on your Christmas tree.

**Light** up the world with peace with these [DIY crayon candles](#).

**Make** a [Peaceful Hands Wreath](#) on this week's activity sheet.



## During the Week

### Protest for peace

Bring your new DIY crayon candle to wait with others in the shared hope of peace at a vigil in your local community. Or use a cardboard box to make a sign to carry with you at a local protest for peace. If you can't find a local event, hang your peace sign in the window to imagine the peace that could be.

### Practice inner peace

Peace is often something we look to find within ourselves. As a family, talk about what makes each of you feel calm and peaceful. Find time each day to allow each person to experience their own version of peace.

### Fund peace

Open the newspaper and look together at stories of war inside these pages. If these are new headlines, go and research more about this conflict, the people affected and the needs of the persecuted. Find one way your family can fund peace efforts in that conflict.

### Prayer

We see you every day, Holy One.

You make your way known in small ways

and encourage us to take small steps towards your peace.

Help us to tiptoe into your hope for peace in our world this Advent. Amen.

**Listen** to the song "I Am Becoming Peace" (MP3 available [here](#) for purchase and download).  
**Visit** [Lection Connection](#) for current events that connect with this week's scriptures.

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