



Growing FAITH at home

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

Advent is a season of faith and hope



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Are you a patient person? In what ways are you impatient?
2. The apostle James encourages us to be patient until the Lord's coming and not to lose our faith (James 5:7-10). What things cause people to fall away from trusting Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist
M	Malachi 3:1-4	A messenger is promised
T	Isaiah 61:1-7	The Lord's anointed one
W	Matthew 9:27-31	The blind receive sight
T	Isaiah 35:1-10	Joy of the redeemed
F	James 5:7-10	Patience in suffering
S	Psalms 146:5-10	God lifts up those bowed down

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

JAMES 5:8



CREATIVE RESPONSE

This week, find an opportunity to talk to someone older, about what Advent means to them.

You could ask them:

What's your favourite thing about Christmas?

Why is Advent important to Christians?

What is your favourite part of the Christmas story?



MEALTIME PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for you are good and faithful. You meet our needs of body and soul. In you we trust and hope. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us the patience to wait for you. Keep us firm in our faith. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

As you arrange gifts for one another, prepare a Christmas gift to present to a local charity or make up a box of non-perishable food items to give to a local food pantry.



BLESSING

God is coming to save you. May he calm your fears and give you a brave heart.