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**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

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### CARING CONVERSATION:

In your household or small group:

- Share about a change you have made in your life. Why did you make it?
- John the Baptist called on people to “repent” because God’s kingdom was near (Matthew 3:2). What does it mean to repent?
- John the Baptist prepared people to meet Jesus. Who has been a “John the Baptist” figure in your life, helping you to know Jesus?

### DEVOTIONS:

In the second week of Advent light the first and second Advent candles, and say these words:

Say: This is the second week of Advent. We light our second candle to remind us that this is the season of hope. Jesus came to bring us hope, and we live in hope for him to come again. *(The candles are lit).*

Read: *Read one of the following passages: Psalm 130:7; Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 12:18-21; Romans 15:12; 2 Corinthians 1:10; Hebrews 10:23.*

Pray: Let us pray: **God, in this time of preparation for Christmas, give us new hope. Increase our faith in your Son Jesus and our trust in your promises. Amen.**

### SERVICE:

Invite someone in your church or local community who will not be sharing Christmas with their relatives this year to be a part of your Christmas celebrations.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Set up a box or empty crib under your Christmas tree. Each night have household members place pieces of straw in the crib (or yellow yarn or shredded paper strips) for kind acts done that day. On Christmas Eve, when the crib is filled with straw, place a nativity figure of the Christ child in the crib.



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