WEEK 2

Bring Peace

Prepare: Begin by placing the brown tea light on a plate or other safe surface and lighting it. As the candle burns, what does the aroma bring to mind for you? The candle reminds us of the light that Jesus brought into our world when He came as a baby.

Have a contest to see who in your family can make the best sheep sound. Record each other and then play the sounds randomly and have everyone vote for their favourite.

Did everybody agree on the winner? Was it a challenge to keep from disagreeing with each other?

Read: Luke 2:8-20 together.
From verse 10, who is the good news for? What is the good news?
When all the angels joined together to celebrate with a praise song, what did they sing was coming to earth?
Can you think of a way to be part of bringing peace on earth? In your home? With your friends? In your school?

Every family has moments when their home isn't feeling peaceful. Sometimes we argue, or fight about silly things, or we really fight about big things. When Jesus came, the angels sang about **peace** on earth that He brought. And we can celebrate **peace** too, because Jesus is with us in life. He knows that we want to live in **peace**, and He can help us to be peacemakers. The next time you find yourself not feeling at **peace** with someone, try to remember the song that the angels song. And ask Jesus to put **peace** in your heart. He can help you to forgive and bring peace for others.

As a family, pick a Christmas song to sing together, but sound like sheep while you're singing it. Try not to laugh!
Can you think of somebody you know that could use a message of peace? Maybe you know of somebody that is feeling anxious or sad or afraid. A gesture of goodwill may help to bring peace into their heart in this season. The aroma of the brown candle is gingerbread. Mmmm! Fresh Christmas baking.

Activity: Follow the instructions to make some Christmas cookies and write a Christmas message in a card to deliver to someone in your life who could use a message of peace this week.

Luke 2:8-20

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Baking Cookies

Supplies:

Cookie Cutter
Dry Ingredients Package **
Gift Bag
Blank Card

Large Mixing Bowl
Measuring Cups & Spoons
Rolling Pin
Baking Sheet
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3/4 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
Icing & Cookie Decorations

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Step 1 - Prep

Put on your favourite Christmas Song Playlist and preheat your oven to 400º F.

Step 2 - Mix

In a mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the dry ingredients** until you have a nice dough.

Step 3 - Chilling

Gather the dough into a ball and wrap or cover. Chill for at least an hour or overnight.

Step 4 - Shaping

Roll out the dough on a floored surface (1/4-1/2 inch thick). Using a cookie cutter cut into shapes. Place the cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Step 5 -Baking

Bake cookies for 6-8 minutes, or until golden around the edges. Cool completely on a cooling rack.

Step 6 - Decorating

Use icing and sprinkles or candies to decorate your cookies and five them a festive look.

Step 7 - Bringing Peace

Think of a person or a family that you know of who could use a message of peace this season. Say a prayer for them. Then decorate the blank card provided and add a message of care. Perhaps think of a scripture verse to include. Place the cookies in the bag provided and make a special delivery.

** DRY INGREDIENTS:
2.5 c. flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt

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