

Children and family talk for 27th November 2022

Hello everyone, thank you for joining me to hear from the bible and worship God together. Today is the first Sunday in the time we call Advent, where we spend time preparing before Christmas.

Our bible reading today is from Isaiah chapter 2 verses 1 to 5.

² Isaiah son of Amoz saw this message about Judah and Jerusalem.

² In the last days

the mountain on which the Lord's Temple stands
will become the most important of all mountains.

It will be raised above the hills.

And people from all nations will come streaming to it.

³ Many nations will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

Let us go to the Temple of the God of Jacob.

Then God will teach us his ways.

And we will obey his teachings."

The Lord's teachings will go out from Jerusalem.

The Lord's message will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴ Then the Lord will settle arguments among many nations.

He will make decisions for strong nations that are far away.

Then the nations will make their swords into ploughs.

They will make their spears into hooks for trimming trees.

Nations will no longer fight other nations.

They will not even train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, family of Jacob.
We should follow the way of the Lord.

Let's talk about our bible reading with the help of my friend Stan and our new friend, Leslie who have been rehearsing for a nativity play:

Stan: Hello, my name is Stan and I'd like you to meet my new friend, Leslie.

Leslie: Why, - hello! I'm called Leslie, I'm a camel you know.

Stan: So, what have you been up to Leslie?

Leslie: well, I've been preparing for Christmas – there is so much to do, didn't you know. It's so important to be prepared. And of course, I have a vital job to do in the nativity, which makes me really important.

Stan: Oh, what's that then?

Leslie: I'm the lead Camel! I have to carry one of the wise men to see the baby Jesus. You can't get more important than that.

Stan: Oh, I don't know, I mean, I can think of few things that might be.

Leslie: Reaaally! Now you're giving me the hump! What could be more important than that then?

Stan: Well, the angels, Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, the shepherds...

Leslie: Seriously – you're not going to tell me the shepherds are more important than the wise men, I hope?

Stan: actually, no, I'm not.

Leslie: What are you talking about then?

Stan: I think everyone is just as important as each other – except for one person.

Leslie: Thankyou, now you're starting to agree with me, of course, I am more important than all the rest!

Stan: No, I mean Jesus! Jesus is who the nativity story is all about! Because, Jesus is our Lord and God's Son. In our reading today, Isaiah says that in the last days the Lord's temple will be raised up above all the mountains and hills and all the people will go there to learn about God and obey God.

Leslie: Her-rumph. I suppose you're right.

Stan: It also says that the Lord will settle arguments, and nations will no longer fight other nations.

Leslie: Now that would be good!

Stan: Come on, let's go and practice a bit more for the nativity.

Leslie: If you say so, bye everyone!

Stan: bye bye.

Back to Sandy: Well, what did you think of Stan and Leslie? It is good they have been preparing for their nativity play, but who do you think was right? How are you going to prepare for Jesus to come?

Let's talk to God now:

God of times and seasons,
we pray that you will help us to be prepared
for everything we will face in the season of Advent.

So that we will not be surprised, but ready.

Help us to realise that no one is more important than another person,
but we each have things that we can bring for you. **Amen.**

Now let's say the grace together...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands bringing thumbs together on the Amen)

Here is the activity sheet for this week [activity-sheet-27-november-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-27-november-2022.pdf)