

THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Welcoming the Light of God

Today's Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 – The Light of Hope

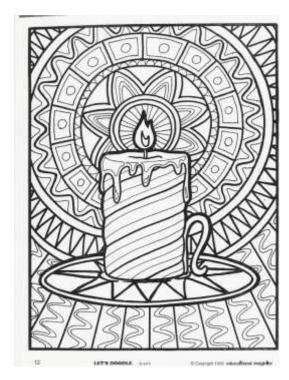
Key Verse: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Jeremiah 33:14

Questions to go deeper:

- The word "hope" does not appear in this text but it is still present in what is said. Where do you see hope in this text?
- What does it mean when someone says they will fulfill a promise? Has anyone ever said that to you? What was the promise? Did they keep it? Why or why not?
- What does it mean when God agrees to fulfill a promise?What examples can you think of when God has done this?

Activity possibilities:

- Coloring picture on reverse side: The Advent Candle of Hope! You can find a full-size version at https://www.everythingetsy.com/2015/12/21-christmas-printable-coloring-pages/
- The Advent season at our church this year is a time for exploring how God's light is reflected through you to the world. Take one of the Reverse Advent Baskets from up front and follow the directions to participate in this unique way of giving hope to folks in need.
- Check out this fun You Tube video about Advent!! You'll love it: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So2KOlw7dlA



♦ Make an Advent prayer chain to keep track of all the days of the Advent season! First, get some plain white paper. Cut it into 25 strips with each about one inch wide. Then, find a place to keep it where you can see it each day, along with some markers, crayons or colored pencils. Today, the first day of Advent, take one strip of paper and write the #1 on it. Write one hope you have for Christmas next to #1 and then, decorate the other side with Christmas colors or stickers and staple it into a ring. Hang it on your tree. Repeat the next day with strip #2 except when that one is finished, loop it through the first ring. Continue on each day this week, looping the current day's ring through the last one you made creating a chain. Watch for instructions for next week next Sunday!

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime!