**“God’s Promise Through The Jesse Tree” Kids Club and Sunday School Children**

**God’s Promise through Creation Beatrice Schierer and Franklin Schierer***“So God created humans in His own image, in the image of God He created them, male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27*

Leader: God's covenant of love starts with the creation of the world.

**People: During Advent, we remember that God created us in His image out of love. HE made the world for us to live and love and serve Him.**

***He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands, Jesus Loves Me, Away in a Manger—Young Children***

**God’s Promise through Noah Ayla Hoff and Syler Steinbrenner***Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth. Genesis 9:16*

Leader: When we see the rainbow or hear the story of the flood, we are reminded that God promised to never again destroy the world. He is the God of new beginnings.

**People: During Advent, we remember and rejoice in God's greatest promise—to send his Son to earth that each of us might have a new start.**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #2 (verse 1)—Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Abraham Khloe Beske and Kristian Fransen***God said: I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:2-3*

Leader: When God called, Abraham obeyed—even though it meant packing up his tent and camel and leaving everything he knew and loved.

**People: During Advent, we remember that God blessed Abraham with a large family—more than all the stars in the sky. And from that family Jesus was born!**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #2 (verse 2) —Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Jacob Madilyn Michael and Leo Schierer** *“I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying . . . . All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will never leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”
 Genesis 28:13-15*

Leader: The story of Jacob’s dream reminds us of God's promise that a great nation would come from Jacob.

**People: During Advent, we celebrate the birth of the greatest king to come from that great nation: Jesus Christ.**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem* *#44 (verse 1)­—Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Joseph Fiona Rundquist and Adisyn Harris** *“You intended harm for me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20*

Leader: The story of Joseph reminds us that God is in control. If we trust in God, God can use even the bad times in our lives to bring good for us and others.

**People: During Advent, we recall that Jesus came to earth to suffer bad times so that we might be saved. Jesus suffered for the good of all who love him.**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem #44 (verse 3)—Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Moses Shelby Eckhoff and Easton Eckhoff***“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Exodus 19:5-6a*

Leader: At Mt. Sinai, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments—laws for the people to live by.

**People: During Advent, we look at God's law and understand that we can't do good on our own. We need a Savior!**

***O Come O Come Emmanuel #9—Kids Club/Sunday School Older Children Sing***

**God’s Promise through David William Nuss and Jared Kennedy**“*When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house in my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. . . .YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR KINGDOM WILL ENDURE FOREVER BEFORE ME, YOUR THRONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER.” 2 Samuel 7:12-16*

Leader: When we read the stories about King David, we are reminded of the great King who would one day be born from David's line.

**People: During Advent we remember that the mighty King of David's line has promised to come again. We wait for King Jesus to return.**

***Once in Royal David’s City #49 (verse 1)—Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Daniel Sam Sundberg and Adam Kennedy**While interpreting a dream for King Nebuchadnezzar, God reminded Daniel of His promise to the Israelites:
*“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.” Daniel 2:44*

*Leader:* When you hear the stories of Daniel, remember God’s protection for all of us and God’s promise that he will establish a never-ending kingdom at the right time!

***People:* Advent is not only about the first Christmas, and Jesus first coming to earth. It is a time to point us to the second coming of Jesus when all will be made right on earth.**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #31 (verse 1)* —*Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Isaiah: Siri Anthonisen-Brown and Harvey Beske***“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14*

 *“For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given. And the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom.” Isaiah 9:6-7*

 *“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, The Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and He will delight in the fear of the Lord.” Isaiah 11:1-3*

Leader: Long before Jesus was born, Isaiah the prophet prophesied that God would send a Savior into the world.

**People: During Advent we recall how long God's people waited for Isaiah's prophecy to come true. And we rejoice that the prophecies were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.**

***Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming #48—Congregation Sings***

**God’s Promise through Jesus Christ Madison Fyhire and Jonathan Dent**Well, everything was ready. The moment God had been waiting for was here at last! God was coming to help his people, just as he promised in the beginning. But how would he come? What would he be like? What would he do?

Mountains would have bowed down. Seas would have roared. Trees would have clapped their hands. But the earth held its breath. As silent as snow falling, he came in. When no one was looking, into the darkness, he came

***Silent Night (verses 1 &2) #60—Congregation Sings***

The story of Jesus’ birth as told in Luke 2:2-20

*Leader:* When Jesus first came into the world, it was on a quiet and dark night in a lowly stable. The angels announced his birth to humble shepherds.

***Congregation:* When Jesus returns again, the whole world will know! All heaven and nature will sing, and all will join the chorus of angels proclaiming “Joy to the World!”**

***Joy to the World #40—Congregation and Children***

**Joseph: Dane Hastings
Mary: Siri Anthonisen-Brown**

**Angels and Shepherds:**

**Kai Ebert Barret Eiffert Maura Fransen Max Jensen**

**Olivia Jensen Emma Michael Allie Preston Colby Preston**

**Owen Preston Anabelle Steyn Celia Smith**