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- USE ADVENT CALENDAR TO HELP ADD A DAILY ROUTINE OF READING SCRIPTURE AS A FAMILY.
- A LIMITED SUPPLY OF FREE CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY.
- THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS CALENDAR IS A GREAT PURCHASE. EACH DAY A MINI BOOK IS REMOVED AND READ. THEN IT CAN BE HUNG ON THE TREE AS A ORNAMENT. HTTPS://www.amazon.com/story-christmas-advent-

Hope – Waiting for God to bring about good in our lives. It's different that optimism, which looks for the silver lining in the cloud of circumstance. Instead, biblical hope chooses to wait expectantly for God to bring His goodness to bear in our future regardless of how dark our circumstances are. This hope comes from God's past faithfulness. At Advent, we look backward in order to look forward to a better future. Our hope is that God will liberate humanity, and the entire universe, from evil.

MONDAY: ISAIAH 8:17

- Who do we hope in?
- Why is it important to wait, or hope, on the Lord?

TUESDAY: PSALMS 103:5-7

- Why can we hope in the Lord?
- How does God's past faithfulness give us hope for the future?

WEDNESDAY: PSALMS 39:7

- What is something you are currently hoping for?
- How do you pervert your hope from turning into wishful thinking?

THURSDAY: 1 PETER 1:3-4

- Why do these scriptures refer to hope as a "living hope"?
- What would our hope look like if Jesus never raised from the dead?

FRIDAY: PSALMS 119:114

- How does hope protect you?
- How did Christ's birth bring hope?

