

Older Kids

Scripture for Today:

Philippians 1:3-21



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⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

Who is Paul writing this letter to?

Why did Paul pray with joy for these people?

In verse 8, Paul writes about how he longs to be with them. Is there anyone you are missing and long to see?

What is Paul's prayer for these people in verse 9?

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Can you find these words in today's
Scripture?

JOY

GOSPEL

WORK

CONFIDENT

CHRIST

HEART

CHAINS

GRACE

TESTIFY

JESUS

PRAYER

LOVE

PRAISE

PALACE

ENVY

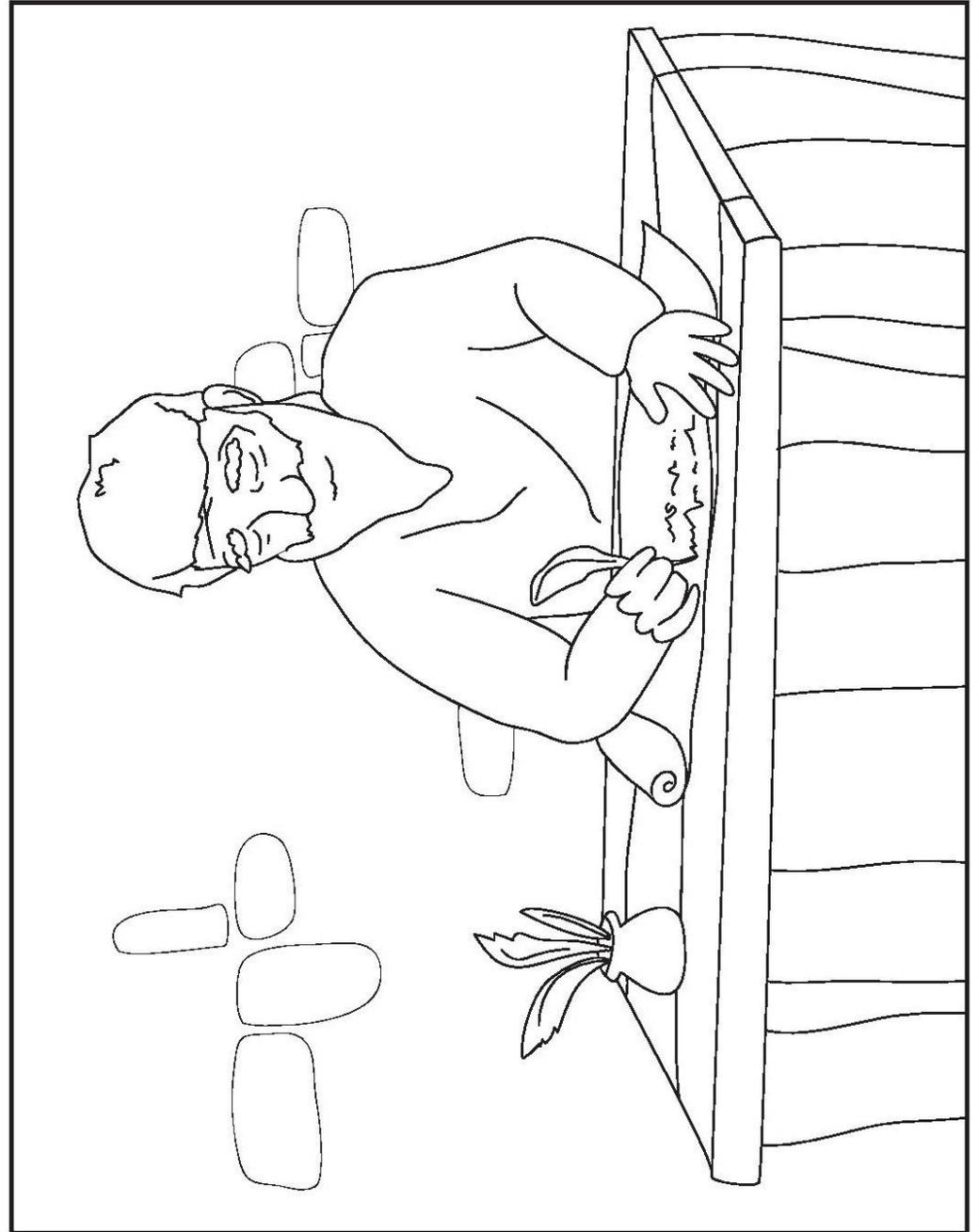
GOODWILL

TRUE

REJOICE

SPRIT

HOPE



ADVENT

What is Advent?

Advent means "coming". In other words, it's a time for waiting and preparing for Jesus' birth.

We celebrate Advent in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Each week we light a candle in a wreath. The first week, we only light one candle; the second week, we light two; the third week, we light three; and the fourth week, we light all four. Each candle represents something different- Hope, Love, Joy, Peace.

If you don't have a wreath at home, don't worry! You can colour in the different candles instead!

This week, we light the candle for Hope

