

# Christmas

FROM SCRATCH

Week 1

This week, we talked about Luke 1:5-25. Zechariah and Elizabeth had their lives interrupted in old age when God blessed them with a child who would prepare the way of the Lord.

**12/2**

## Coloring Page

*Bag supplies: coloring sheet*  
*Additional supplies: crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.*

Color the picture while talking about things you hope for!

**12/3**

## Hope Activity

*Bag supplies: paper*  
*Additional supplies: pencils, crayons, markers, etc.*

Draw a picture of something you're hoping for and pray about it.

**12/4**

## Read Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

*Bag supplies: none*  
*Additional supplies: candle or flashlight*

Go into a dark room, turn off the lights, and use a flashlight or candle to discuss how God's light brings hope even in the darkest or most uncertain times.

**12/5**

## New Hope Kids Ornament

*Bag supplies: Ornament*  
*Additional supplies: decorate w/ paint brushes or markers*

Write or paint "Hope" on the ornament and decorate it however you'd like. Bring it back on Sunday to hang on the New Hope Kids tree!

**12/6**

## Encourage Others

*Bag supplies: Christmas card*  
*Additional supplies: writing utensil*

Write a letter or make a card to encourage someone who needs hope.

**12/7**

## Cookies & Prayer

*Bag supplies: none*  
*Additional supplies: cookie ingredients*

Make Christmas cookies together, pray for friends or family who need hope, asking God to fill their lives with peace during the holiday season.



## Snickerdoodles

Mix thoroughly—  
1 cup soft shortening, part butter  
(or 1 cup softened butter if you prefer)

1-1/2 cups sugar  
2 eggs

Sift together and stir in—  
2-3/4 cups flour  
2 tsp. cream of tartar  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. salt

Roll into balls the size of a small walnut. Coat by rolling in a mixture of 4 tbsp. sugar and 4 tsp. cinnamon. Place a dozen 2" apart on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees until lightly browned but still soft. (8-10 minutes if you use shortening, 7-8 minutes if you substitute with butter). Makes about 5 dozen 2" cookies



THIS WEEK'S THEME: **HOPE**