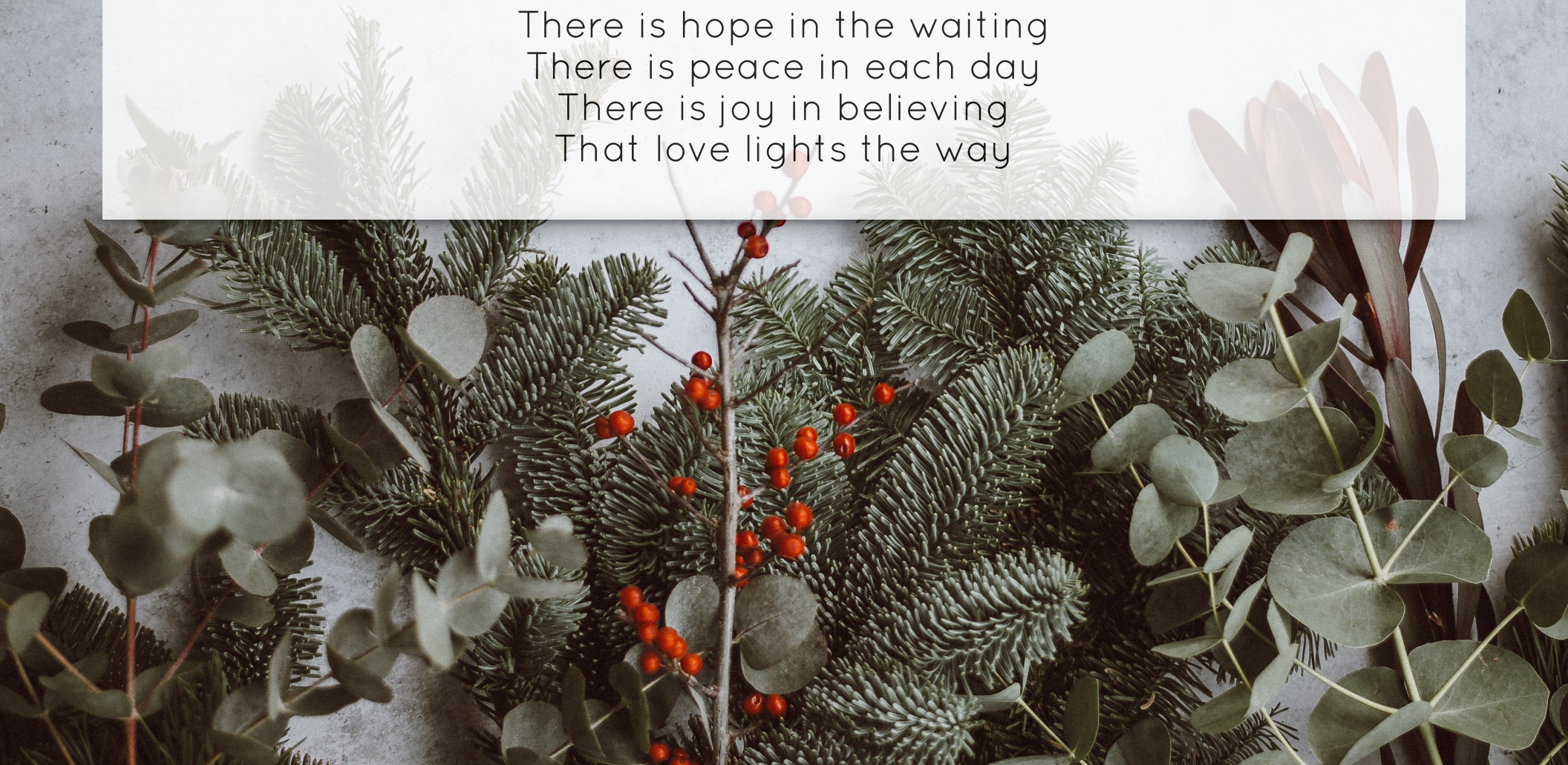


advent practices

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There is hope in the waiting
There is peace in each day
There is joy in believing
That love lights the way



consider beginning each practice by lighting candles and reciting our advent prayer

Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
Start your HOPE family coloring sheet! Consider leaving it out and adding to it throughout the week.	Talk about your HOPEs for the season. Consider posting them in your home to serve as reminders.	Create a paper chain with 25 links and talk about having HOPE while you wait for something special.	Hang stockings and remember that it takes HOPE to trust that good things are coming!	Take a nature walk and notice the evergreens. They can be a sign of HOPE in winter that spring will come again!	Bake cookies and reflect on the time it takes for good things to be ready. HOPE for a sweet treat!	Do a HOPE hunt! Look around your home for things that you once hoped and waited for that you now have!
Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
Start your PEACE family coloring sheet! Consider leaving it out and adding to it throughout the week.	Talk about PEACE makers you admire. They might be public figures or even people in your own communities!	It's your turn to be a PEACE maker. Offer an apology to someone you've hurt or forgive someone who has hurt you.	Have some fun with PEACE and quiet. See how long you can be completely silent. Who can hold out the longest?	How slow can you go? Do everything slowly today. Rest between activities. Create pockets of PEACE throughout your day.	Look for PEACE all around you today. Tell each other about where you spotted it.	Create a quiet corner in your home, a calm, comfortable place for anyone in your family needing a little extra PEACE.
Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
Start your JOY family coloring sheet! Consider leaving it out and adding to it throughout the week.	Put together a holiday care package for a friend, neighbor, or someone in need. Share the JOY of the season!	Choose a favorite ornament or holiday decoration and tell each other why it brings you JOY.	Spend the day smiling at everyone you see! Spread JOY throughout your community.	Spend time sharing with one another the things about each of you that bring the others JOY.	Get out a game, a deck of cards, or a puzzle and savor the simple JOY of play together!	Grab a few old magazines, cut out pictures that bring you JOY and create a joy collage.
Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25
Start your LOVE family coloring sheet! Consider leaving it out and adding to it throughout the week.	Make a Christmas card for someone you LOVE.	Share LOVE by offering hugs and high fives to the people around you.	LOVE your neighbor in need by contributing to a local food drive, pantry, or blessing box.	Look around your home - or through your phone! - for pictures of people you LOVE. Reflect on why they are special to you.	Share as a family the things you all LOVE about each other.	Spend time with the people you LOVE most.

This calendar draws, in part, on the work of Traci Smith in Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas. For further descriptions of, additions to, or adaptations for these practices, visit clcht.org/youthandfamily