



Welcome to the Christmas Toolkit

This devotional series serves as a tool to guide your heart towards Jesus Christ in this season. Each devotional will prompt you to read the account of Jesus' birth, reflect on the meaning of this truth, and respond to His hope, joy, peace, and love. You can do this individually, with your family, a co-worker or your community group. We pray that it is a blessing for you this Christmas!

Week 3: Peace

READ

Luke 2:22-36 - Peace

REFLECT

What a scene, right? Simeon had a powerful moment with Jesus and found peace. This word "peace" is used almost 100 times in the New Testament, and we see it in these contexts: A state of national tranquility. Harmony between individuals. Of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and fearing nothing except for God. The peace-filled Christian is content with whatever life holds.

We may never get to physically see or hold Baby Jesus like Simeon did. But, the same peace and salvation that Simeon found in His soul is available to you and me through faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God.

1. Do you ever think "if only I had (this), I would have peace?" What is that thing you think would bring you peace?
2. Who might you need to pursue peace or harmony with in this season? What could your next step in that pursuit be?
3. God wants to bring peace in your soul. What is preventing you from finding that peace in Him?

RESPOND

Day 1: Recognize What Brings You Peace

- Identify one thing in your life you think would bring peace, and ask God to help you find true peace in Him instead.

Day 2: Reflect on God's Gift of Peace

- Spend a few quiet minutes meditating on Simeon's words about Jesus bringing salvation and peace, thanking God for the peace He offers to your soul.

Day 3: Pursue Peace with Someone

- Think of one person with whom you need to make peace, and reach out with a simple, peace-seeking message or gesture.

Day 4: Practice Contentment

- List three things you're grateful for today, focusing on how contentment can lead to greater peace.

Day 5: Pray for Inner Peace

- Pray for God's peace to settle in your heart, especially in any areas of worry or stress, trusting His presence in your life.