

No
ORDINARY
Child

CHRISTMAS 2024

*Advent Scripture Reading
and Reflection Guide*



MacArthur

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WEEK ONE – NO ORDINARY NAME

- 1/12** Luke 1:26-45 How willing are you to be disrupted and to have your life changed by Jesus?
- 2/12** Isaiah 7:14 In what ways do you recognise Jesus with you today? How does that impact you?
- 3/12** Isaiah 9:6 Why is Jesus wonder-full to you?
- 4/12** Isaiah 9:6 When have you needed someone to listen and advise you? How might you have reached out to Jesus in that time?
- 5/12** Isaiah 9:6 What does the term “Mighty” mean to you and how might that influence how you think of Jesus?
- 6/12** Isaiah 9:6 How does Jesus’ immortality and eternal nature shape your understanding of human mortality?
- 7/12** Isaiah 9:6 What might it mean for Christ’s peace to reign in our world when there is so much conflict?

WEEK TWO – NO ORDINARY TRIBE/TOWN

- 8/12** Matthew 1:18-25 Where do you recognise the need for Jesus’ saving work personally and in community?
- 9/12** Isaiah 9:7 What does it mean for Jesus to reign in your life?
- 10/12** 2 Samuel 7:16 What of your life and legacy will endure in the light of Jesus?
- 11/12** Isaiah 11:1-5 How does your life reflect Jesus’ concern for justice for the poor and the needy?
- 12/12** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Where can you see Jesus’ saving work and justice in the world around you?
- 13/12** Ezekiel 37:24-28 What might it mean for Jesus to make his sanctuary with you today?
- 14/12** Micah 5:2-5a Are there parts of your life that feel insignificant but Jesus might redeem for beautiful purposes?

WEEK THREE – NO ORDINARY SONG

- 15/12** Luke 2:1-20 In what ways are you learning to make room for Jesus?
- 16/12** Luke 1:46-55 What do you feel is the most compelling part of Mary's vision of Jesus' ministry in this song?
- 17/12** Luke 1:68-75 How might you serve Jesus in holiness and righteousness today?
- 18/12** Luke 2:10 Where do you see good news and great joy around you?
- 19/12** Luke 2:11-12 Are you able to recognise Jesus in the small and surprising moments?
- 20/12** Luke 2:14 How will you glorify Jesus today?
- 21/12** Luke 2:14 Who needs to receive Jesus' peace today?

WEEK FOUR – NO ORDINARY BIRTH/DAY

- 22/12** John 1:1-14 How is Jesus entirely like you and entirely "other"?
- 23/12** John 1:9 Where is Jesus bringing light into your life?
- 24/12** John 1:12 How does being a "child of God" alongside Jesus change your perspective on life?
- 25/12** Luke 2:21-38 How is anticipation forming faith within you?
- 26/12** 2 Peter 3:8-9 What promises are you still waiting for Jesus to fulfil?
- 27/12** Joshua 23:14 Which promises and answers to prayer encourage you on your journey with Jesus?
- 28/12** Hebrews 10:23 How does your faith in Jesus shape your hope?

WEEK FIVE – NO ORDINARY STAR/KING

- 29/12** **Matthew 2:1-8** Who do you ask for advice when you are looking for deeper understanding about Jesus?
- 30/12** **Psalm 63:1** In what ways are you thirsty and longing for Jesus today?
- 31/12** **Jeremiah 29:13** What are you hoping to find as you seek Jesus today?
- 1/1** **Luke 11:9** How are you learning to ask more from Jesus as you seek him?
- 2/1** **Psalm 119:2** Where do you see the blessing in seeking Jesus?
- 3/1** **Hebrews 11:6** How are you earnestly seeking Jesus today?
- 4/1** **Psalm 37:4** What practices and rhythms lead you to delight in Jesus more?
- 5/1** **Matthew 2:9-12** What treasures will you offer King Jesus in worship today?

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