

Advent 2025

## Christmas Day: Glory

All through Advent we have waited and watched. We have lit the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. And now, on Christmas Day, we see that all of these find their fulfillment in one radiant truth—the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Glory is more than brightness or splendor. It is the visible expression of God's presence—his holiness made known, his beauty unveiled, his love on full display.

Long before the angels sang “Glory to God in the highest,” the prophet Isaiah spoke of a day when God's glory would be revealed to all the earth:

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah's words are a call to prepare for divine arrival—because when the Messiah comes, we will see his glory.

Of course, the glory of God isn't always what we expect. The people longed for the glory of a conquering general. But God had a different conquest in mind.

*His* glory is the radiance of hope, the beauty of peace, the splendor of joy, the majesty of love. And his conquered enemies? Sin, guilt, shame, apathy, self-righteousness, hatred, arrogance, and ultimately death itself. All will fall before him.

In the person of Christ—Immanuel, God with us—the glory of God is fully revealed.

John 1:14 says:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The glory of God has taken on skin and bone. And this glory is not just to be admired—it is meant to transform us. As we behold Jesus, we are changed from the inside out,

reflecting his glory to a world in desperate need of the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ.

## Reflection

Let's take time to meditate on Jesus and behold his glory. After each question, press pause and reflect. Then answer by writing in your journal, talking to your family, or discussing with your community group.

1. Where do you see the glory of God breaking into your world?
2. How does seeing the glory of Jesus reshape your heart toward hope, peace, joy, and love?
3. In what ways can you reflect His glory to others this Christmas and beyond?

## Prayer

As we pray together, let's lift our eyes and see the glory of God revealed in Christ.

*Jesus—Word made flesh, glory of the Father—we behold you with wonder and awe.*

*All our hope finds its anchor in you.*

*All our peace rests securely in you.*

*All our joy overflows from you.*

*All our love begins and ends in you.*

*Your glory transforms our hearts.*

*And we await the day when your glory will be fully and forever revealed, covering all of creation in your splendor and majesty.*