

## **Advent Series: Love Came Down**

*Each week explores how God's love came down to ordinary people and changed everything. The stories of the shepherds, sheep, camels, and wise men are reminders of how Love Came Down to bring Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to everyone. Each week we will add a new figure to the nativity as a reminder of how we can celebrate love coming down for each one of us in special ways this Advent season.*

**Each week, as a family, choose to be a part of the C.A.K.E project:**

*Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment:* Choose one small kindness to give this week — a Card, Act, Kind Words, or Encouragement — and celebrate Jesus' love by spreading kindness.

### **Week 1: HOPE – The Shepherds**

Angels told shepherds the good news—Jesus was born! They were in the dark fields at night, but God's light found them. The shepherds hurried to see Jesus.

The shepherds were ordinary people who received extraordinary news. God's message of love reached those often forgotten.

Jesus brings HOPE even when things seem dark. God meets us where we are and the shepherds remind us that hope is for everyone.

When Love came down, it gave us HOPE even in ordinary places.

God fills the earth with good things and hears our prayers—His blessings bring HOPE to everyone!

**Try It This Week:** Draw or write one place you need Jesus' hope this week.

**Prayer:** Jesus, bring your hope to our hearts. **Amen.**

### **Week 2: PEACE – The Sheep**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who takes care of His sheep. When we listen to His voice, He helps us feel safe and calm.

We can have PEACE when we trust Jesus to lead us.

When Love came down, it brought PEACE to those who follow His voice.

God's chosen King will bring PEACE to the whole earth and care for everyone with kindness and fairness.

**Try It This Week:** Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask Jesus to give you peace.

**Prayer:** Jesus, be our Good Shepherd and give us peace. **Amen.**

### **Week 3: JOY – The Camel** 🐪

Joy is found in seeking and finding Jesus, even when the journey is long.

The wise men's camels carried them on a long journey to find baby Jesus. They followed the star and were filled with JOY when they found Him. Their journey ended in worship and gifts!

JOY comes when we find Jesus and worship Him.

When Love came down, JOY filled hearts willing to seek and worship Jesus.

**Try It This Week:** Share joy: give three smiles and one compliment today.

**Prayer:** Jesus, fill our hearts with joy. **Amen.**

### **Week 4: LOVE – The Wise Men** 👑

The wise men brought their best gifts to Jesus. God showed His great love by sending Jesus to us. We can show love too—by giving, helping, and being kind.

God showed LOVE by sending Jesus, and we can show love by giving too.

When Love came down, God gave us everything we truly need, and it became the greatest gift of all.

God made the world by His word and loves His people forever—His love keeps us safe and strong.

**Try It This Week:** Do one secret act of love for someone at home.

**Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us love others. **Amen.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE: Love Came Down** 🎄

Jesus was born! God's love came down for everyone. Jesus is our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

On this special night, we celebrate that God is with us. Jesus is God's Love for the whole world.

God's love came down for everyone. Jesus is our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Everyone and everything can praise God—He has come to bring joy to the whole world.

**Try It This Week:** Share Jesus' love with one person who needs encouragement.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to us. We love You. **Amen.**