

Review:

Lesson 1: Hope
Lesson 2: Peace

Lesson 3: Joy

Love

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-29

Scripture casts the advent of the Messiah as an expression of God's love and faithfulness. No matter the current brokenness and darkness, God will keep His promises and will reveal His

_____.

Discussion 1. Why do you suppose reliability/faithfulness is such an important aspect of God's love? Do you see it as an important aspect of anyone's love, or just of God's love?

God sending Jesus, shaping Jesus as a man, anointing him, a strengthening him for his task are all extraordinary examples of God's _____ for this world.

Discussion 2. Think about the secular world's best expressions of love. How do they compare to God sacrificing His only son in order to open the door to eternity for anyone who follows Christ?

In the same way that David's supremacy as Israel's king was a love gift to Israel, so Christ's _____ and _____ over this world is God's way of loving us in an extraordinary way.

Discussion 3. How is it that Christ's supremacy/authority over the entire universe is actually a love gift from God to the world? How would you describe that to a 6-year-old?

The love we celebrate in Advent is the love that caused God to send His only son for the good of the world in fulfillment of a centuries-old promise. That love is _____ and _____.

Discussion 4. Some have said the love of Advent cannot be understood apart from the cross of Calvary. Why is that? Share examples of God's love which Christmas brings to mind for you.