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## Behold A Saviour Is Born #4: The Prophetic Peace

December 21 & 22, 2024

Isaiah 9:2-7; John 14:27

### Opener:

What is a Christmas ornament on your Christmas tree that best conveys "peace"?

### Go Deeper:

1. When Isaiah talked about people walking in darkness seeing a great light (Isaiah 9:2), what kind of darkness do you think God's people were facing back then, and how might that compare to the struggles we face in our world today?
  2. Isaiah promised peace at a time when the future felt shaky and uncertain. How does his message speak to us when our own peace feels insecure and fragile?
  3. The Bible calls Jesus the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Think about what that title really means. How does viewing peace as a person, rather than just a feeling, help you trust God more deeply?
  4. Jesus once said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). How can knowing Jesus has already won help you find calm in a world that feels so uncertain?
  5. We often try to find peace in our own ways, maybe by staying busy or buying things. How is the peace Jesus gives (John 14:27) different from any kind of peace we can create for ourselves?
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## Live It:

1. Think about an area of your life where you've been waiting — maybe for answers, healing, or direction. How can you invite God's peace into that waiting space this week?
2. What is one practical step you can take to hold onto God's promised peace when you feel anxious — such as memorizing a verse, pausing to pray, or talking to a trusted friend?
3. Christmas can bring both joy and stress. Is there a tradition or habit you can adjust so that your holiday celebrations help you remember Jesus' presence and peace, rather than just adding to the noise?
4. How can you show compassion and share the peace of Christ with someone who seems worried or lonely this season? Maybe it's a kind word, a phone call, or a small act of kindness.
5. Look ahead to the new year. How might you experience Christ's peace at the center of your life, even after the Christmas decorations are put away and the New Year's resolutions fade?



### GOD TIME:

#### Daily Bible Readings (December 22-28)

Sun:	Luke 1:26-56	Mary and Elizabeth's Visitors
Mon:	1 Samuel 1:9-18	Hannah Dedicates Samuel
Tues:	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's Prayer
Wed:	Luke 2:1-20	Jesus Is Born
Thurs:	Isaiah 7:13-17	A Sign of Immanuel
Fri:	Isaiah 11:1-9	Prophecy of the Messiah
Sat:	John 1:1-13	The Word Became Flesh

\*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

