

JANUARY 3, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY
OF CHRISTMAS

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The Word became flesh, full of God's grace and truth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Monday	1 John 1:1-4	The Word of life
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Jesus became our servant
Wednesday	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men worship Christ the King
Thursday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
Friday	John 8:12-20	Jesus, the light of the world
Saturday	Psalms 72	Kings will present him with gifts
Sunday	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us. **John 1:14 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, please help me to receive you, believe in you, and tell others about you. Amen.
(John 1:7, 12)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, make our home your home. Bless our food and our sharing, so that we may bless others.
Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Child of God, may the light of Jesus shine in your heart, today and forever. Amen.
(John 1:9, 12)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time when you were with people that spoke a different language. How did you communicate?
- John 1:1-2 calls Jesus "the Word". What do you think this means?
- What steps has God taken to communicate with us? What do you do to communicate with God?

DEVOTIONS



Jesus has been called "God's love letter" to the world. As part of your home devotion times this week, have each household member compose a short letter to God (if you have young children in your home, help by writing down their words). Share your letters with one another. Say a prayer of thanks for God's communication with us in and through Jesus.

SERVICE



Jeremiah 31:8 speaks of God's care for pregnant women and women having their babies. Prepare "Thinking of You" cards to send to pregnant women in your congregation or community. You might also organize small baby gifts to present to them. Include pregnant mothers in your household prayers this week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Ephesians 1:4-5, the apostle Paul tells us that long, long ago, God decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God has adopted us as his sons and daughters.

As a household activity for this week, design "Adoption Certificates" to display in your home. Include these words:

(Name)

IS AN ADOPTED CHILD OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

For seals on your certificates, use the symbol of the dove, representing the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14) You could also include your baptism dates and details on your certificates.



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