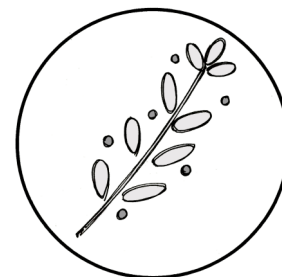


Lesson #2-13***A Righteous Branch from David***

Jeremiah 33:14-18

**Key Verse:**

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

The Point:

God will send the Messiah to bring about God's kingdom on earth.

Advent Theme (December 1—December 22):

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Advent Practice

In each Living the Word: Small Groups guide (as with all of our main products), we include instructions on how to do a particular faith practice related to the day's Bible reading.

You will need:

- † Optional: White board or poster paper, markers, pens or pencils, paper

Instructions:

1. **This week is the first week of Advent. Advent is a special time in our church year. It is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus coming as a newborn and looking forward to Jesus' return. We can prepare ourselves by committing to a faith practice, either as individuals or as a family.**
2. Break into pairs or small groups.
3. **Begin by sharing with your partner (group) how your week is going. Then, talk about what you hope to get out of a spiritual**

practice over the next four weeks.

Brainstorm together ways you can stay centered in your faith throughout this busy season. Feel free to be creative!

4. Optional: Brainstorm as a large group, writing the ideas on a white board or poster paper. Or pairs (groups) can write on individual papers.
5. Examples: read the Daily Bible Readings, write a gratitude list, say a simple prayer before bedtime, write a poem or draw a picture based on a theme.
6. **Whatever you choose, come up with a plan for checking in with your partner (each other) over the next four weeks of Advent.**