

ADVENT: JOY

Luke 2:10-11

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**BIG IDEA:** The Joy of believers is available no matter the circumstances.

## JOY COMES FROM CHRIST

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance. (*Romans 5:1-3*)

Out of the anguish of His soul he shall see and be satisfied. (*Isaiah 53:11*)

Jesus desires that His joy may be in us, and that our joy may be full. (*John 15:11*)

Jesus tells us in John 15 that abiding in Him is the key to life.

Jesus prayed not only for His disciples to receive His joy but also for whoever will believe in Him through their message. (*John 17:20*)

## JESUS MODELS ENDURING JOY

Jesus is the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the Joy set before him endured the cross. (*Hebrews 12:2*)

Count it all Joy when you meet trials. (*James 1:2-3*)

## FUTURE AND PRESENT JOY

Our present and future joy both come from keeping our eyes on Jesus.

Even though we do not see Him now, we still believe in Him and rejoice with Joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. (*1 Peter 1:3-9*)