

DECEMBER 15 TO DECEMBER 21

Peace

Who brought peace into my life this year?

Peace is wholeness: everything where it belongs, nothing missing, nothing broken.

This week adds the third layer. It asks where the walking leads, and looks at the people who helped make things whole for you this year.

The week in one breath

December 15 to 17, you receive. Each day ends with an ornament: gold or yellow for each other person at home, red for someone outside it, white for what came from beyond anyone's grip.

December 18, you celebrate. The third candle is lit from the second, and everyone reads the gold ornaments with their own name on them.

December 19 to 21, you give: time, then resources, then words.

Three pages this week: the ornaments you write, the celebration and your Plan, and what you gave.

Ornaments I Wrote

Write each ornament on paper first, the way the Guide shows, then jot it here in a few words. The gold ones hang on the tree, writing to the wall, until the Opening on December 18. After that, they belong to the people they name.

December 15 • Core • gold or yellow

Who in this house gave me a gift of peace this year?

To _____ I thanked them for _____

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Kids said ("Can you remember a time someone in our family made things right with you?")

December 16 • Community • red

Who outside this house pointed me in a good direction this year?

To _____ I thanked them for _____

To _____ I thanked them for _____

To _____ I thanked them for _____

Kids said ("Why do you think Pilgrim closed both eyes before opening a door? What's something hard you could do ten more steps of?")

December 17 • Cosmos • white

What helped me believe this year that everything would be okay?

To _____ I thanked it for _____

To _____ I thanked it for _____

Kids said ("Has something that was broken ever gotten better without anybody fixing it?")

Getting ready for December 18

- ☐ Set out the Generosity and Hope candles, a third for Peace, and the lighter.
- ☐ Check that everyone's gold ornaments from December 15 are on the tree.
- ☐ Find a pen, and read the Guide's Day 4 (page 180) once ahead of time. Tomorrow's Plan goes on the next page of this book.
- ☐ Optional: pick up a flatbread or crackers for Breaking Bread for Peace.

If something isn't ready, the night still works.

For the kids (Book 2): December 15: *One Whole Evening*, storybook page 222, activity book page 100; December 16: *Ten More Steps*, storybook page 237, activity book page 106; December 17: *The Loud Peace and the Quiet One*, storybook page 251, activity book page 112