

The Week of Preparation

Friday, December 11



Light two purple candles: the candle of Hope, and the candle of Preparation.



Read Luke 2:36-40



Sponsor a family in the hospital on Christmas day. Call your local hospital, and ask to talk to the discharge planner or the nursing supervisor. Tell them your family would like to sponsor a family that has a member who will be in the hospital on Christmas day (and you will do so without violating privacy laws). Find out how many parents and children are in the family, and purchase gifts for each family member. Deliver the gifts on Christmas day.

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Christmas Style Terrarium. In a small empty fish tank, carefully place small clean stones along the bottom. Add potting soil to about 1/3 full. Get advice from a local nursery as to small plants to place in the soil. Place miniature festive decorations on the plants. Use cotton wisps to simulate snow on the ground. Add a miniature snowman. Cover terrarium with plastic wrap to keep in moisture.

(Supplies: small empty fish tank or large bowl-shaped vase from a thrift store, several small stones from the driveway, potting soil, garden gloves, cotton wisps, Christmas figurines or ornaments, plants)



Dear God, we are thankful that we can worship you now and we look forward with longing to the gift of your son.
Amen.



“Every happening great or small is a parable by which God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.” Malcolm Muggeridge

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