

## *The Week of Hope*

### *December 4*



*Light the candle of Hope, the purple candle.*



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*



Start a **journal of answered prayers**. Write down the prayer, the answer, how you knew it was answered by God, and how you felt. Children may draw a small image related to the prayer. Each family member can have their own journal, or take turns writing in the same journal each day.



**Hurricane Lamp.** Wash hurricane globes in 1:3 ratio of vinegar and water solution. On scrap paper, practice the image you will paint. Hold it up to the hurricane to make sure it fits. Plan which color will be the first color, and the next. Paint with first color. Let dry in between each color. Place candlestick lamp on table, and place painted hurricane over it. (Supplies: 14-16 inch (or smaller) hurricane, acrylic paint in festive colors, #12 flat paintbrushes, no. 1 script liner, candlestick lamp)



Father, help us to focus today on the needs of others and less on our own selfish ambitions. Help us to remember your truth that the joy of giving is far greater than the joy of receiving. Please grow your generous spirit in us. Amen.



“We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.” ~Thornton Wilder

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