



## Prince of Peace

### IN

#### Introduction

#### Discussion:

- Word association: What words come to mind when you think of 'peace' – how many can you find?
- Why is peace important? What happens to you when you don't have enough peace? What is the problem with equating 'peace' with 'quiet'?

### UP

#### Explore

#### READ Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Romans 5:1-10

The NT (Greek) word for peace, "Eirene" was used in a wide number of ways including as a greeting or farewell, and to mean the presence of domestic, personal or interpersonal conflict or the lack of war. The OT (Hebrew) word for peace, "Shalom", was also used to have broad usage but primarily was used to much more than the absence of war to mean: completeness, wholeness, wellbeing, to make complete, to restore, to have success.

#### Discuss:

- What do you think it means for Jesus to bring peace on earth?
- What then does it mean for us to pray for peace for the world? (What exactly are we asking?)
- What does it mean for us to 'keep unity in the bond of peace'? (Col 1:19-20)
- What does it mean for us to pursue peace? How do we do that? (Psalm 34:8-14)

### OUT

#### Impact

#### READ: Matthew 5:9

What does it mean for you to be a peacemaker this Advent? (Matthew 5:9)

How will you do that?

Spend some time praying for each other