

### **Advent Week #3: For your family to read, pray and do together this week**

**Read:** Micah 5:2

**Pray:** Thank you, Lord, for the good gifts in this world that let us taste JOY. Teach us this week to taste a deeper Joy – the life-giving, never-ending Joy of worshipping your Son Jesus Christ. AMEN

**Do:**

1. Micah was saying the God gave us his greatest gift in a small, humble place. Talk together about what ‘humility’ means. Look it up in a dictionary. Think together about people you know who are humble? What are they like?
2. Later in Micah (6:8), we learn that what God asks of us is to “do justice”, “love kindness” and “walk humbly with God”. Pick one thing this week that is a way of practicing these things.

**Read:** Luke 10:3-14

**Pray:** Lord, help us prepare for Your coming into the world by being generous, fair, truthful, gentle and contented with all You have given us. AMEN

**Do:**

In the Luke passage, people asked John how they should prepare for Jesus and he answered each one a little differently. Here are some ways to rephrase John’s answers:

- If you have more clothes than you need and someone else doesn’t, share what you have
- If you have more food than you need and someone else doesn’t, share what you have
- If you have been selfish and taking too much for yourself, stop doing that.
- If you are strong and powerful, don’t use it to hurt other people or to get what you want
- Be happy with what you have.

Pick one of these to talk about as a family and think together about ways to practice that one this week. You can rephrase these, too, as positives: be generous, think of others first, use your strength to serve, be content.

