

**We Have Hope: Matthew 12:15-21**

Week 1 in *Christmas is Coming*

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Jesus brings hope

\* If you need a miracle...He \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you are lonely...He \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you are broken...He \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you think evil is winning...He \_\_\_\_\_

Apply it: \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus when you need hope!



To allow God to change our hearts, we need to meet with Him. *The Daily Connections* (*Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review*) open up our lives to allow God to change us from the inside out.

*Good Morning God* is to be done when we first wake up in bed at the beginning of every day. Your *Spiritual Boost* connects you with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when you have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, you finish your day with *Good Night Review*, and you allow God's joy and forgiveness to come to you as you drift to sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and they have been part of following Jesus for many of Jesus' followers over the last 2000 years. Try it yourself and see how your relationship with God deepens and how you are fundamentally changed by spending time with God!

### **Spiritual Boost Bible Readings for Advent**

Day 1: Matthew 12:15-21

- ✳ Where do you need the hope that Jesus brings in your own life?

Day 2: Genesis 3:15

- ✳ From the very beginning God had announced a person who would crush evil ("He will strike your head."). How does it make you feel that Jesus has already beaten and will destroy the evil one in the future?

Day 3: Isaiah 53:1-9

- ✳ Why was suffering a part of Jesus' life?

Day 4: Isaiah 53:10-12

- ✳ How did our rescue inspire Jesus during times of suffering?

Day 5: Micah 5:2

- ✳ Why would the "ruler of Israel," Jesus, be born in a small town instead of a big city like Jerusalem? Why does this give you hope?