

# KIDZMATTER



**B**elieve in the power of God's word through Bible Reading  
**E**xpress our trust in God through Prayer  
**T**ransform God's love through worship  
**H**elp build God's community through fellowship  
**E**vangelize to friends and neighbours through sharing the Good News  
**L**ive out our faith through serving with our spiritual gifts

## I CAN'T WAIT FOR JESUS TO COME!

Right after Thanksgiving, shops and restaurants start their promotion of Christmas items to maximize sale. While adults are busy arranging Christmas gatherings or gifts, what do you think children are usually busy with? drafting their wish lists, preparing Christmas gifts or discussing whose turn to light the Advent candle at home? For Christians, we start to celebrate weeks before Christmas for a season known as Advent. **Advent simply means "coming" or "waiting."** God's people were eager to meet Jesus, our king and warrior, who was coming to set us free from our sins. The Bible tells us that ever since sin came into the world, all creation has been waiting for Jesus to come and bring redemption both to his people and the fallen world (Romans 8:18-25). The prophet Isaiah describes the fallen world as a place of darkness into which the **light of Jesus would come to shine.**

**"THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; ON THOSE LIVING IN THE LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH A LIGHT HAS DAWNED. FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE." (ISAIAH 9:2, 6 NIV).**

The good news of advent season is that the one whom the world has been waiting for has come and is coming again. The Advent season is a great time to introduce our children to the Light (Jesus Christ) who has come to shine in the darkness and restore Jesus to the centre of the Christmas celebration. We can challenge our children to look for and wait for him in worship. There are different ways and lots of fun activities to celebrate Advent. One simple way is to celebrate Advent through scripture reading and lighting of candles (eg. **The Advent wreath - a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the centre.**) The whole family can participate and discuss ways to prepare for Christ's coming through prayer, songs and good deeds. The memories and training are meaningful and will last a lifetime. Because celebrating Advent is a way of saying "I can't wait" for Jesus to come.



For more Advent ideas, please visit:  
<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/four-advent-adventures-for-your-family>



## LET'S MEET



# EMILY



**OUR SPARKS GROUP  
DIRECTOR OF AWANA CLUB**

*"Hello! It's Emily and just a little bit about myself: I have a younger brother and currently have jobs working with kids and teens. And my favourite food is noodle soup!"*



## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH US:

**WE HAVE WEEKLY ONLINE FAMILY WORSHIP:**  
<https://www.bethelmb.org/pages/family-ministry--42>

**AND OTHER CHILDREN MINISTRY RESOURCES AT:**  
<https://www.bethelmb.org/pages/kids-ministry>

**ONLINE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON DEC. 20 @ 4-5PM! SONGS, BIBLE STORY, GAMES & CHRISTMAS GIFT! ALL CHILDREN 3 TO 12 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!**

**WE ALSO ORGANIZE PARENTS BIBLE STUDY GROUP AND PARENTING WORKSHOPS.**

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## Which one is your favour Bible verse of Hymns?

John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world."

## How and when did you become a Christian?

I've always went to church with my family but it was when I was 12 that I truly and most clearly remember accepting Jesus as my saviour and wanting to live a new life for him. It was the first time in my life when I had to make some big decisions and Jesus really spoke to my heart. I wanted to make sure that all decisions I made in my life were for Him and in light of his redemption of the world and of my life. But even when I make decisions, I am constantly humbled and reminded by Him that it is not by my own strength that I am saved and I can never work for my worth, but it is only because of what Jesus has done that I am now a child of God and I give thanks and praise each day.

## What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I love to read! I also have been learning to long board but is it not easy to do in the fall/winter time.

## How long have you been serving in the children ministry and what is your most impressive & joyful moment in serving in the Children Ministry?

I've been serving in AWANA almost 10 years now as a helper and leader. The most joyful moments are when I'm sharing the gospel with the kids and they get excited and jump in and want to tell it instead. It makes me super happy to see that they know it and can tell others about it as well.

