READ IT

This week's Bible story is

God's Peaceful World

Advent 2

from Isaiah 11:1-10.

In God's kingdom, all will live in peace.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Spirit
- Counsel
- Might
- Equity
- Meek
- Asp
- Adder

Jesse is the father of David (1 Samuel 16:1-20).

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 172-175

Spark Bible page 747

Family Prayer

Dear God, we want our family to live in peace. We want to inspire others by our peaceful example. Lead us, God, and help us to trust your guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

1 If you were an animal, what would you be? Who would you play with in God's kingdom?

2 What do you think "His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord" means? (Isaiah 11:3)

3 This passage says the Messiah will judge with righteousness, *not* by what he sees or hears. How can what we see and hear negatively affect our judgment?

4 In God's kingdom, a child will lead the peaceable animals. Pretend to be animals and let the youngest family member lead you.

Eye Spark

For a few minutes each day this week, in a safe place, close your eyes. How are things different when you do not see?

Ear Spark

For a few minutes each day this week, in a safe place, plug your ears. How does hearing—or the lack of—affect your judgment and experience of the world?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

As a family, pick an animal or two that you can show a little special care: a pet, neighborhood birds, or even an endangered animal. Learn something new about this animal and decide on a way to show God's love: petting, grooming, a special treat, or telling others about the endangered animal's plight.

For younger kids

Draw a picture of God's peaceable kingdom and put it on the fridge.

For older kids

Pick one of the animals listed in the passage and learn as much as you can about it. Where does it live? What does it eat? How old does it get?

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