

**All:** Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Neil:** This is how light came into the world.

**Hal:** God made everything.

**Jon:** And He said it was good.

*Hallie lights first candle*  
**Kim:** God made the sky that is blue, and full of clouds when it rains, and orange as the sun goes down.

**Neil:** He made the trees that bloom fresh green in the spring, and turn yellow in the fall.

**Jon:** He made everything. And He said it was good.

**Hal:** God made people. He made each of us.

**Kim:** Because God made us and loves us, he has told us a few things about the best way to live.

**Neil:** He made each of us different, with things we love and things we're good at.

**Hal:** He made us like him. We can think and feel and create.

**Jon:** We can love and help and serve.

**Neil:** But we are also NOT exactly like him, because he is perfect and holy.

**Hal:** We are not perfect, and we are not holy.

**Kim:** We make mistakes, and sometimes we hurt each other and ourselves.

**Neil:** Sometimes we think we can do things better than God can, and we ignore what he has told us. This is sin, and it separates us from God.

**Jon:** This is how darkness comes into the world.

**Hal:** But John 3:16 says... (read scripture)

**Kim:** God had a plan to make it possible for us to not be separated from him, even though we aren't perfect and we aren't holy.

**Neil:** read Isaiah 9:2- 7

(Jonathan lights the <sup>second</sup> ~~first~~ candle)

**Kim:** We light this Advent candle to remind us to watch for what God will give, and to remember what he has already given.

*(A minute or two of silence: a time to think quietly)*

**Neil:** prayer

**Hal:** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shines upon us tonight. The Lord will give us peace. Amen.

**All:** Thanks be to God.