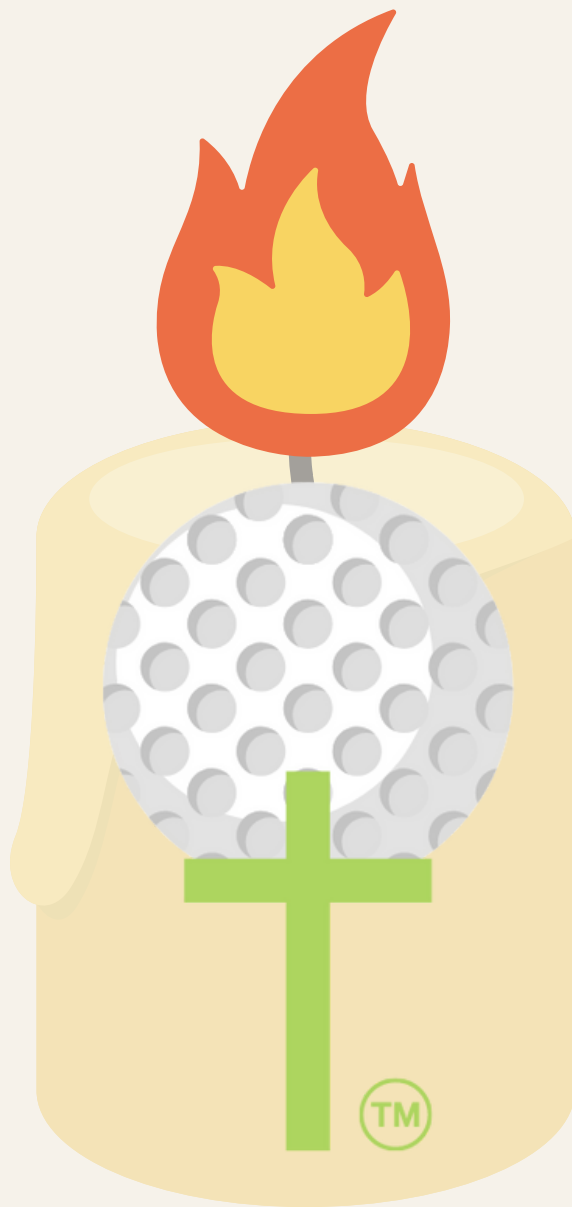


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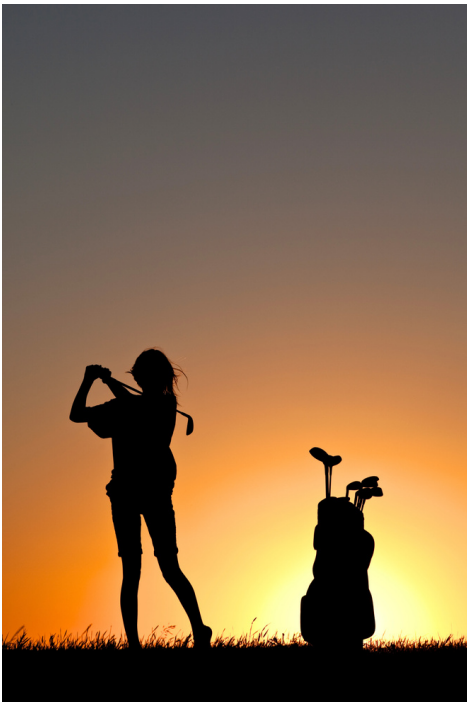
2023 Christmas Devotional

DRIVING DISCIPLES

GOLF INSPIRED BY THE GOSPEL

THE LIGHT

With winter upon us, what excitement we get when an occasional warm day pops up! Allowing us to hit the course. But with the days so short, we might find ourselves pushing the daylight in order to finish our round.



Imagine the cool winter's night tapping on your shoulder as you stand over your putt. You are squinting to see. Begging your eyes to adjust to the waning daylight so you can just finish this hole and round with satisfaction. But alas, to no surprise, the ball rolls passed the cup because it was too dark for you to see the read of the putt's break properly.

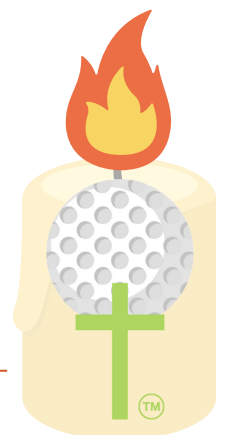
YOU NEEDED MORE LIGHT.

Light is how we see the world, amidst the darkness.

Advent is a time to celebrate, with awe, the Light that is Jesus Christ.

To reflect on His first coming, at his birth.

And rejoice at the inevitability of his second coming.



ADVENT

[ad-vent] noun

arrival

An appearing or coming into place.

During Advent we count down the days in anticipation of Christ's birth. Advent is a season of anticipation.

This not only reminds us of the joy of Jesus coming to us in the manger. It can also teach us to wait with anticipation for his second coming, when Jesus will return and bring heaven to earth. No more suffering. No more heartbreak. Just light, joy, love and perfection beyond our imagination.

Jesus tells us to prepare for that day.

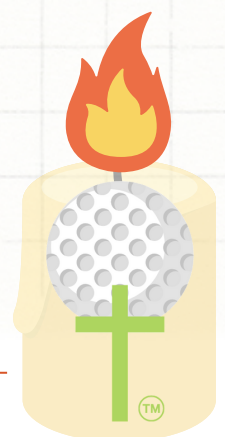
“THEREFORE BE READY, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT DAY YOUR LORD IS COMING.” Matthew 24:42

What are ways you wait with anticipation or celebrate leading up to Christmas?

What are ways you prepare for Christmas and its celebrations?

What are ways you can celebrate or wait with anticipation for Christ to come again?

What ways can you prepare for the coming of the Jesus?





As you see the lights decorating the Christmas tree or the houses around your community, let it fill your heart with joy. Think of it as a reminder of the

TRUE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS.

Let that spark joy in your heart as you think of how glorious it will be when Christ returns.

NEED A REMINDER OF WHY JESUS IS CALLED “THE LIGHT”?

and how The Light has been around since before creation?

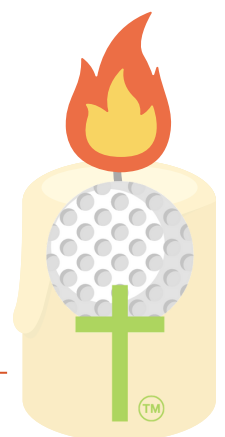
See page 10 in your Driving Disciples Camp Workbook.

Or share this Advent Devotional and the following attached page with friends that were not at camp this summer!

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TODAY IS HISTORIC!



that Jesus was present, even in the beginning! He's present throughout the entire Bible!

God's written story, our story, begins with the Creation of the earth, followed by the creation of man and woman in Adam and Eve.



IN THE BEGINNING, THE WORD WAS ALREADY THERE. THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING. ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM. NOTHING THAT HAS BEEN MADE WAS MADE WITHOUT HIM. LIFE WAS IN HIM, AND THAT LIFE WAS THE LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE. John 1:1-4

What was the Word in the beginning? Or, we should be asking, WHO was the Word? "In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was _____." (Notice: "Word" is capitalized, like a person's name)

What were the first recorded words God spoke? _____
[Genesis 1:3 - "God said, 'Let there be light.' And there was light."]

What does John 1:4 say? "Life was the LIGHT for all people."
"Life was IN HIM,"

Who is "in Him"? Meaning, what are the three equal person's that make up God? (The Trinity) The _____, the _____ & the _____.

"In the beginning, the ^{LIGHT} Word was already there. The [^] Word was with God, and the [^] Word was God. [^] He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through him. Nothing that has been made was made without him. Life was in him, and that life was the light for all people".

- In your [John 1:1-4] verses in your workbook, put a caret (^) above the first place you see the "Word". And write what the first Word was. (Light)
- The second time you see "Word," write above it, who is light. (Jesus)
- The third time you see "Word," write above it the three equal persons that make up God. (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).
- So the 'He' they are referring to in John 1:2 is _____!
- (Write 'Jesus' above "He".) "JESUS was with God in the beginning." [John 1:2]

SO NOW YOU KNOW WHO WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING WHEN HE MADE THE WORLD!