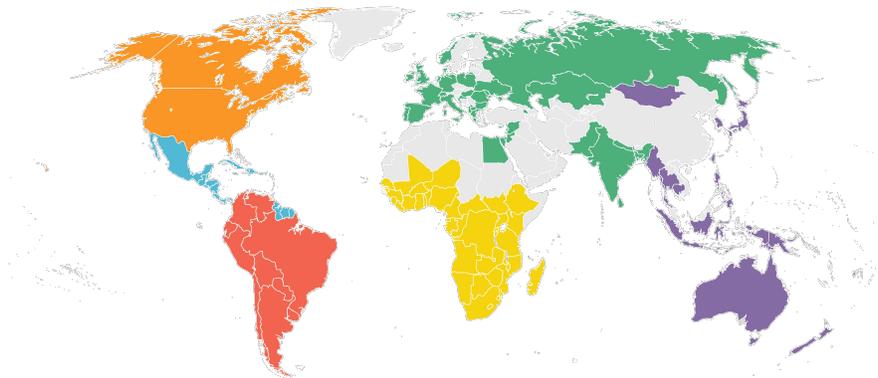


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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



WEEK 2 LOVE

This is week two of our special Advent series. Over the coming weeks of the season leading up to Christmas, NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope will introduce you to some of the unique traditions that are kept across the global Church of the Nazarene. We hope you enjoy this wonderful season of Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany.

Advent became an expression of love: God's love for the world. Christ's coming would be the greatest revelation of a loving God. Jesus tells His disciples that love would be the telling quality that would help others to know we belong to Him. Keeping His commandment to love one another would make God's presence obvious in the world.

What are some ways to show love to others? God sent his Son to this world out of love. We are called to love those around us. One way we can show love is by getting to know our neighbors. People are often moving and living in places far from where they are born. As you go around the area where you live, do you hear languages different from your own? What an opportunity to show love, through a simple smile.

To learn how to say Merry Christmas in another language, check out this week's Kids Kaleidoscope. Kids Kaleidoscope is a special NMI Central supplement created to help children, youth, and adults learn more about their Nazarene family around the world. Enjoy this wonderful season of Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany. Though we may celebrate in different ways, we are united in this: Christ is the center of Christmas. Turn your focus to Him, and as the angels sang, "Rejoice!"

Did You Know?

Holly and Ivy are a reminder of Christ's love. Used to decorate homes since the 9th century, they symbolize everlasting life. The holly represents Christ's crown of thorns and the berries his blood. Holly grows on every continent except Antarctica.



Advent Kid's Kaleidoscope
Week #2 – LOVE

What are some ways you can show love to others?



Welcome to Advent Kids Kaleidoscope Week #2 about love! What are some ways you can show love to others? When you think about love and how to show love to someone else, you might think about giving a gift, helping someone do a task, or spending time with that person. These are all common things we do during the Christmas season. But what if you have a new classmate who just moved to your school from a different country. You want to be their friend, but you aren't sure how. Being kind and smiling can be a simple way to make a connection, but if you really want to be a friend you might try to learn a phrase in your new friend's language. You can love others by asking questions and learning about them, and spending time with them. Jesus did just that when he came to earth as a baby, and then grew up and shared time with the people around him. He learned their language, he asked questions. If Jesus showed his love for people in that way, we can too.

Below you will find a list of languages on the left and a list of words in different languages that mean "Merry Christmas" on right. Match the Christmas greeting with the language by writing the letter next to the language you think it represents. If you have a friend or know someone who speaks one of these languages, try saying Merry Christmas to them in their language. It's a great way to show they are important to you and that you are sharing God's love with them. You can find the answers on the next page.

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Click [here](#) to download the rest of Kids Kaleidoscope for Week #2 of Advent as we learn about different ways to say Merry Christmas to remind us of God's love for the world.

PRAYER



- Pray for those who have not yet heard the Good News of the love of God through Christ.
 - Pray for our missionaries who work with national leaders across many cultures to share the love of God with all of humankind.
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PRAISE



- Praise the Lord for the prayers of Nazarenes that have supported the work of missions, and the giving spirit of His people to spread the message of God's love.
- Praise God for His most precious gift, His Son, who came to seek and to save the lost, and reveal the love of the Father for us all.

[Could You Serve?](#)

Is God calling you to participate in His mission?
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