



**2020 December 15**

## **#15 LIVING**

### **Advent Joy**

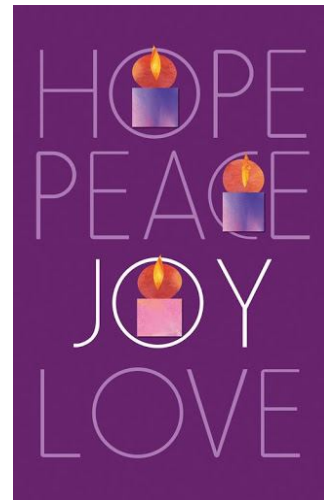
Ah, joy! Come with lightness, come with laughter!  
Tickle us until we forget how important we are.  
Pounce on us, surprise us,  
lift us out of worry and gloom.  
Generous God, give us joy this Christmas,  
joy for the giving away;  
be born in us this night, we pray. Amen

### **Biblical Joy**

As we continue journeying through the season of Advent, we focus this week on Joy. Have a look at this video that shows us that joy is a profound decision of faith and hope.

### **Biblical Love**

If you want to finish the series, here is the [video](#) on Biblical Love.



## **LEARNING**

### **PCCE Podcast Conversations**

We will be hosting a conversation through Zoom this afternoon. Click on this [ZOOM LINK](#) at 3:45pm (MST) to discuss Digical Education's podcast episode "[Why Schools Flourish: Conversation with Lynn Swanner.](#)" Lynn Swanner is the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer at the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), where she leads initiatives to address compelling questions and challenges facing Christian education. In this episode she summarizes some potentially "paradigm shifting" research around what enables school's to flourish and what affects faith formation. Also, what enabled schools to succeed when Covid hit last spring? Listen to the podcast

before our time together and come join our conversation!

**#TakeMeBackTuesday: Grade 5 - Science:** [Wetland Ecosystems](#)

### **Essential Learning Outcomes**

1. **The Story of Harmony:** God has blessed us with an amazing earth! All of creation sings praise to their Creator. Even though we do not daily see the wonders of God's creation unfold in places like the wetlands, they play a key part in the environment and in our very lives! Students will come to understand the great importance of the wetlands in our world.
2. **The Story of Exploitation:** There is a unique and specific order that God has created within wetland ecosystems. Every part and creature is necessary to its' healthy functioning, and yet humans have given cause to disturb and destroy the wetlands. Students will learn how humans are negatively affecting the wetlands and how they, as order discoverers and earth keepers, can bring restoration to the wetlands.
3. **Commissioned to Restore:** Students will learn that they are commissioned as Order-Discoverers and Earth-Keepers to right the relationship of humans with creation. For too long, humans have sought to dominate creation. Students will be invited to be part of a greater story by embracing their role as caretakers and stewards of creation and recognize that as part of God's creation we are all interconnected.

### **Covid-conscious FLEx idea**

Sign up to be part of one of the many live, virtual field trips that "[Exploring By the Seat of Your Pants](#)" offers and then send letters of encouragement to the Scientist that leads your "field trip." You could also create virtual "Myth-busting" or advocacy posters to have posted on your school's social media platforms.

### **Thank you**

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Here is a [link](#) to the entire library of units if you want to explore on your own and/or nominate a unit to be highlighted that's been a blessing to you by sending us an email with the name of the unit and grade.

## **LEADING**

### **Rod Wilson Videos**

There is no new video this week, but here is a [link to the series](#) thus far so you can access them easily.

### **PCCE Podcast Conversations**

School leaders are always invited to our Zoom "Podcast Conversations" and

we wanted to ensure that you knew today's podcast focus is especially relevant to school leaders. Lynn Swanner presents intriguing research findings that may shift the conversation in our schools about what is important for faith formation in Christian education. Spoiler alert: it's far more than devotion time. You can get more information in the "Learning" section above.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>December 15</b>	<a href="#"><u>Podcast Conversation</u></a>
<b>February 2</b>	TfT 101
<b>February 11-12</b>	CSI Bible Symposium
<b>February 19</b>	Christian Deeper Learning Gathering
<b>March 2</b>	TfT 101
<b>October 21-22</b>	Teachers' Convention



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