



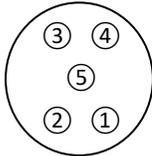
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Candle #2: Sunday, Dec 9, 2018: "CANDLE OF PEACE AND PREPARATION"

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- 1b. The second is called the "Candle of PEACE and PREPARATION" reminding Christians to "get ready" to receive our Savior in a fresh way. This candle represents the PEACE we have in experiencing Jesus as the light of our lives, who is always there guiding us.
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Candle #3: Sunday, Dec 16, 2018: "CANDLE OF JOY"

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Candle #4: Christmas Eve Morning

Sunday, Dec 23, 2018: "CANDLE OF LOVE"

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Candle #5: Christmas Eve Evening

Monday, Dec 24 pm, 2018: "CANDLE OF TRUTH"

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- 1d. The fourth, the "Candle of Love," everyone that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth.
- 1e. The fifth, white candle, is the "Christ Candle" or "Candle of Truth" Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever walks with me will never walk in darkness." Jesus also said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except by Me."
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SCHEDULE:

- Dec 2 _____ Jesus is the light of the heart (hope)
- Dec 9 _____ Jesus is the light of life (peace)
- Dec 16 _____ Jesus is the light of truth (joy)
- Dec 23 _____ Jesus is the light of salvation (love)
- Dec 24 pm _____ Jesus is the light of the world (truth)



CANDLE 1, SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

CANDLE OF HOPE

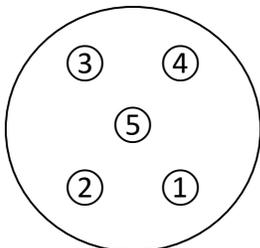
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CANDLE 2, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

CANDLE OF PEACE & PREPARATION

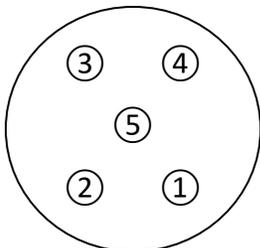
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CANDLE 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

CANDLE OF JOY

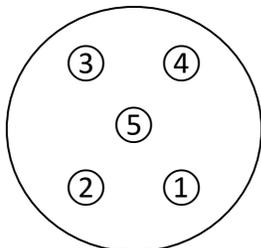
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CANDLE 4, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

CANDLE OF LOVE

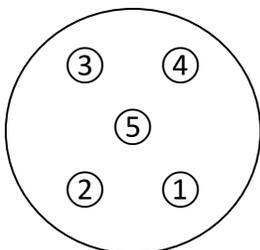
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Script:

Candle #4: Sunday, Dec 23, 2018

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1c. The third candle is the "Candle of Joy" just as pink is the color of joy. It recalls the angels joyfully singing about the birth of Christ.

1d. Today we light the "Candle of LOVE," which reminds EVERYONE that God LOVES THEM enough to send His only Son to Earth to die for their sins.

This candle represents the LOVE we come to know first-hand when we trust Jesus as our Savior and we are granted the free gift of salvation from our sins.

2. Now read the scripture you have chosen. (we will project in on the screen while you read it.)

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Candle 5, Monday, December 24 pm, 2018

CANDLE OF TRUTH... CHRIST CANDLE

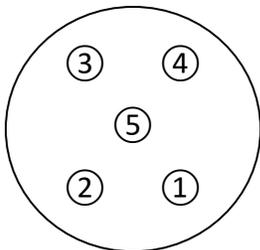
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Candle #5. Christmas Eve Evening, Monday, Dec, 24

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1d. The fourth candle is called the "Candle of Love," which reminds EVERYONE that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth to die for their sins.

1e. Today, we finally light the white candle! This white candle, is the "Christ Candle" or "Candle of TRUTH"

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever walks with me will never walk in darkness."

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