

Session Handout for 4th Sunday in Advent

(for week of December 20)

Activity 1 - Five Words

Biblical Text: *Micah 5:2-15*

Playdate: *Five Words*

Value of This Activity

Short summaries help us focus on what's most important. *Really* short summaries help us focus on what's *really* important.

How to Play . . .

1. Read the Micah 5:2-15.
2. Each participant writes out a five-word summary of the Micah text. This does not need to be a complete sentence. Just try to capture in exactly five words (don't cheat!) the gist of the text.
3. Now, write a separate *five-word summary* for each verse in the text. Alternatively, each individual could write a five-word summary for a different verse of the text. Then, share each summary in order.
4. Finally, each individual looks back at her or his initial five-word summary. After writing the summaries of the individual verses (either individually or as a group), would anything change about the initial large-scale summary?
5. Each participant can then share his or her final five-word summary with the group.

Adaptations:

1. Make your five-word summaries into "Tabloid Headlines." Still just five words, but sensationalize it if you can. Or just make it funny, weird, attention-getting.
 2. If you're in a group, read your summaries to each other. At the conclusion of the group activity, see if the group can agree on a "large scale" five-word summary (or tabloid headline).
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