



## Making and Using Candles at Christmastime

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you....  
The Lord will be to you an everlasting light (Isaiah 60:1,19).

Whether you choose to make candles or buy candles to enhance your Christmas celebration, candlelight is a lovely way to picture the way the Lord's birth on earth which brought the light of truth into the spiritual darkness prevalent at that time. We can find this same light in the truths of the Lord's Word which invite us to come and worship Him as the shepherds came to the manger.

### *Making the Candles*

There are several fun ways to make your own candles:

- dipping a candle wick in beeswax
  - making a rolled taper from a sheet of beeswax
  - using colored beeswax to decorate candles
  - putting a wick in the middle of layers of beeswax precut into the shape of a star, bell, *etc.*
- (See the **Making Cookie Cutter Candles** project for more on this method of making candles.)

### *Using Candles in Your Celebration of Christmas*

There are many ways to make special use of candles at Christmas time. One family makes a special centerpiece with candles on their table and dines by candlelight each night in December. Another family carries candles up to bed (in a darkened house) each Sunday night in December. They also say prayers by candlelight every night in December. Yet another family lights the whole house with candles on Christmas Eve after going caroling with a few other families. Think about ways you might want to incorporate candlelight into your celebration of Christmas. One of the activities—**The Light of the World**—suggests having each member of a family (or other group) read a quote from the Lord's Word about light and then light a candle.

*Note: Please take appropriate safety precautions by only setting burning candles in fire-proof holders and not leaving candles burning unattended.*