

ADVENT 2020

Parents, please us this special lesson with your child(ren) during the entire month. Each Sunday focuses on a different candle. The last candle is added on Christmas Eve. If you miss a week, that is okay... catch up as soon as you remember. Most importantly, enjoy this time with your child, teaching them about the real meaning of Christmas and about salvation which comes through Christ Jesus.

Advent: Week 1 (Nov 29) – Candle of “HOPE”

What you need: Advent wreath printable, "Hope" candle from the candle printable, crayons or markers, ribbon and holepunch

Print and cut out the wreath template and the “hope” candle from the candle template. Encourage your child to color the wreath green and the candle purple. Help your child glue the purple candle onto the wreath. Punch a hole in the top of the wreath and thread the ribbon through to tie in a loop. Hang up the wreath to display it. Each week of advent, a new candle will be added.

Say • The four weeks prior to Christmas Day are called Advent. Each week focuses on a part of the story of Jesus’ birth. The first Advent candle is the candle of Hope. Jesus is our hope. He died on the cross to save us and give us everlasting life. John 1:5 says, ‘The light of hope shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out. *Put the first candle on the Advent wreath and sing the advent song.*

(Sung to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

4, 3, 2, 1...Count the weeks ‘til Jesus comes.
Each week we add another light
Our hope for Jesus growing bright
We pray, we share, we do our part...
To welcome Jesus to our heart!

Advent: Week 2 (Dec 6) – Candle of “PEACE”

What you need: Advent wreath printable, "Peace" candle from the candle printable, crayons or markers, glue stick, ribbon and holepunch

Cut out the “peace” candle template. Encourage your child to color the candle purple. Help your child glue the purple candle onto the wreath from the previous week. Each week of advent, a new candle will be added.

Say • Today we will add the second Advent candle. The second candle is the candle of Peace. When you are afraid, have you ever run to your mom or dad for a big hug? Do you feel better being close to them? That is what peace is like. Jesus is our peace. The Bible says in Isaiah 9:6 that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Peace means feeling calm, safe, and secure even when things around you may be crazy. Jesus can give us peace when we need it.”
Glue the second candle on the Advent wreath and sing the advent song.

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Advent: Week 3 (Dec 13) – Candle of “JOY”

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Cut out the “joy” candle template. Encourage your child to color the candle purple. Help your child glue the purple candle onto the wreath from the previous week. Each week of advent, a new candle will be added.

Say • Today we will add the third Advent candle. The third candle is the candle of Joy – the angels sang a message of JOY! The birth of Jesus was a wonderful event, a joyful event! The joy of Christ in our hearts can help us share about Jesus with others. *Glue the third candle on the Advent wreath and sing the advent song.*

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Advent: Week 4 (Dec 20) – Candle of “LOVE”

What you need: Advent wreath printable, "Love" candle from the candle printable, crayons or markers, glue stick, ribbon and holepunch

Cut out the “love” candle template. Encourage your child to color the candle pink. Help your child glue the pink candle onto the wreath from the previous week.

Say • Today we will add the fourth Advent candle. The fourth candle is the candle of Love! Jesus was sent to us by God because He loves us! Jesus is LOVE. The things we get for Christmas will not last forever, but Jesus will. He is always with us and loves us. *Glue the fourth candle on the Advent wreath and sing the advent song.*

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Advent: Christmas Eve (Dec 24) – Candle of “CHRIST”

What you need: Advent wreath printable, "Jesus" candle from the candle printable, crayons or markers, glue stick, ribbon and holepunch

Cut out the “Jesus” candle from the candle template. Encourage your child to only color the flame, but to leave the candle white. Help your child glue the white candle onto the wreath from the previous week.

Say • Today we will add the final Advent candle. This candle is the candle of Christ Jesus! Jesus is God’s Son! This candle helps us focus on how special his birth was. The white candle reminds us that Jesus was blameless, without sin. Jesus connects all the other candles. With Jesus, we can have hope, peace, joy, and love. *Glue the final candle on the Advent wreath and sing the advent song.*

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May the light of Christ Jesus fill your home this Christmas!



