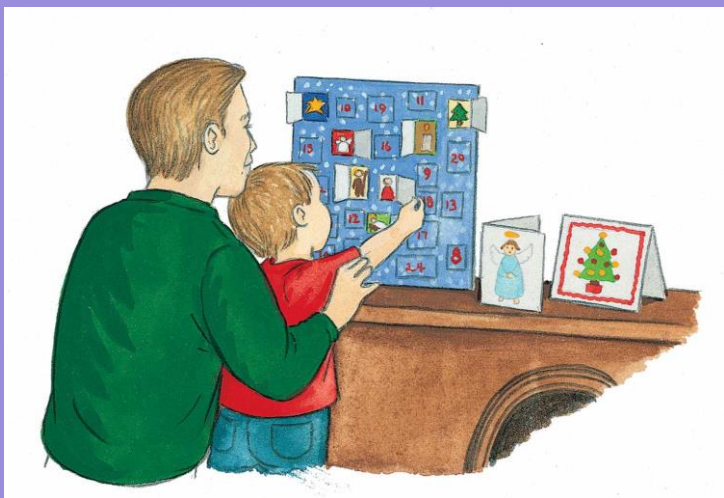


# Preparing and waiting during Advent for the birth of Jesus.



The word  
**advent** means  
"the coming" in  
Latin.



Advent is a time when Christian people make time to think about what is important to them, they light the candles on the Advent wreath as well as looking forward to the Christmas festival and celebrations.

# HOPE

**Week 1**

**Candle Name:** Prophet's Candle

**Candle Symbolizes:** Hope

**Reminds Us:** Jesus is coming

**Verse:** Romans 15:12-13

**Prayer:** O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

# FAITH

**Week 2**

**Candle Name:** Bethlehem Candle

**Candle Symbolizes:** Faith

**Reminds Us:** Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

**Verse:** Luke 3:4-6

**Prayer:** O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.



**Week 4**

**Candle Name:** Angel's Candle

**Candle Symbolizes:** Peace

**Reminds us:** The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

**Verse:** John 3:16-17

**Prayer:** O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

**Week 3**

**Candle Name:** Shepherd's Candle

**Candle Symbolizes:** Joy

**Reminds Us:** The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

**Verse:** Luke 2:7-15

**Prayer:** O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

# PEACE

# JOY

- 1) What is Advent?
- 2) When does Advent start?
- 3) Does Advent start at the same time every year?
- 4) What does the word "Advent" mean in Latin?
- 5) What colour is the Advent wreath?
- 6) What colours are the Advent candles?
- 7) At Advent four different kinds of prayers are said, what are they?



Design and draw an Advent wreath. Print off the candle templates that I have attached to this email and use the information below to copy down what each candle means. Cut your candles out and stick them onto your wreath.

Prophecy Candle - Reminds us that Jesus is coming.

Bethlehem Candle - To reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Shepherd's Candle - To remind us of the Joy that we feel at Jesus' coming.

Angel Candle - To encourage peace on Earth.

Christ Candle - To remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.