

Year C - First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Organise a Christmas Hamper



Option 1: Organise a Christmas Hamper



This will likely need a few weeks notice and can be an activity that involves your wider parish community. Ask for donations that can be shared with those struggling this time of year. There are a number of charities around Brisbane that will accept donations including toiletries, shoes, socks/underwear, and non-perishable foods. Pack these donations with your children and talk to them about when we are given gifts or eat delicious dinners this Christmas it's important to remember those who won't eat well or can not share gifts.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to care for the poor and marginalised in our communities, just like Jesus did.

An added bonus, get the children to write a letter or a Christmas card to accompany the hamper, sharing a note of love with those who will receive it.

Option 2: Set up a Nativity Scene



Use a nativity set that children can play with, let them play with the figurines and set it up as you like. Talk about each figure and who they were, how they might have felt.

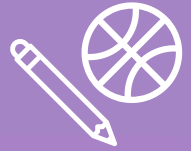
Set the scene so that the figures are spread out and no one is at the stable yet. As we love closer to Christmas we can move those figures closer each week, helping the children understand the journey of Advent.

Option 3: Advent Candles



Each Sunday during Advent a new candle on the Christmas wreath is lit.

The following page explores the meaning behind the advent candle of this week further. Print this page out and display in your space and discuss the candle with your children.



HOPE

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a Child will be born.
To us a Son will be given.
And the rule of the nations will
be on His shoulders.
His name will be called
Wonderful, Teacher, Powerful
God, Father Who Lives Forever,
Prince of Peace



The Prophecy Candle

Before Jesus came into the world God spoke to His people through the Prophets, telling them about the one who was to come who will be a light unto the world and saviour to us all.

The first Advent candle is a candle of **hope**, it reminds us of how thousands of years ago people hoped and waited for Jesus, and today, we can have hope in Jesus too.

