

Year C - First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Advent Candles and Wreath



Background

- The Advent wreath is a very old tradition that Churches and homes across the world will take part in. Each candle has a special meaning that we explore throughout Advent. This activity aims to help the children understand this tradition and it's connection to Jesus.
- *Please note: This activity can take 20+ minutes and may not be suitable for your context. You can adapt it to suit your setting. For example, make one large wreath together and bring your own candles from home. Or make the wreath and first candle and over the following weeks make the next candle for the children to add to their wreath.*

You will need

- Coloured Paper: green, purple, pink, white, yellow & orange
- Scissors
- Pencils & Marker Pens
- Glue/Tape

Instructions

1. Using green paper, get the children to draw an outline of their hands on the paper and cut them out (4-8 per wreath). Assemble, overlapping in a circle and tape or glue together.



2. On a purple piece of paper write along the short edge, descending, 'hope'. Roll up the paper so the word is on the outside and tape/glue together.



3. Cut 3 slats (2-3cm) around the base of the candle, spread out and attach them to the wreath.



4. Cut out small flames with a tab at the bottom and attach inside the top of the candle.



5. Repeat steps 2-4 to complete the other candles
2. Faith/Love - purple
 3. Joy - pink
 4. Peace - Purple
 5. Jesus - White



Alternatively: you could use electric candles- adjust the width and height of the paper to suit.

Tip: cut leaf shapes out of the scrap green paper and cover the bottom of the candles for a neater finish.