

# Year C - First Sunday of Advent

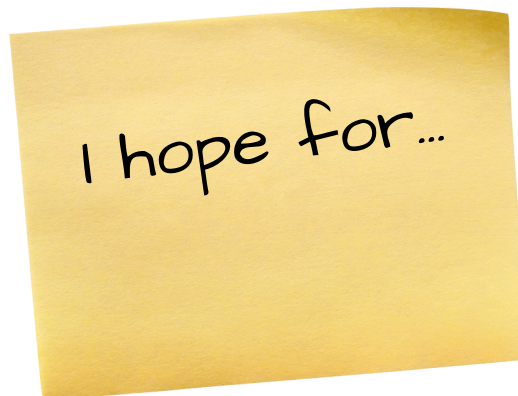
## Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

I hope for...



### Overview

- Set up a prayer space, this could be the Advent candle or wreath if you have made one, or the nativity set, or a cross and have the children sit around it.
- A key message from this Sunday is to have hope. Discuss with the children the things they hope for. These could be things they are hoping to get for Christmas or things they hope to do over the holidays. Encourage and affirm their answers, but try to move the discussion to greater things to hope for.
- Ask them what they think God might have hoped for when He sent Jesus to us? If they could change anything, what would they hope to change?
- Give each child a small piece of paper and pen and ask them to write down their hope and when they are ready, place that piece of paper into the prayer space



- Talk to the children about how God shares our hopes, he hopes for these things to and wants to work with us to make them happen. We just need to say yes to God to be a part of it. You may want to finish with a prayer together, like...

### Prayer

*Dear God,*

*You see all these hopes we have written down, and you hope for them too. We want to work with you God to make all these things happen and to make our world a happier and better place. Help us know what we can do and we will always have hope that you will be there with us, every step along the way.*

*Amen.*