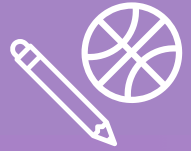


# Year C - Second Sunday of Advent

## Luke 3: 1-6

Washed Away, Knocked Down



### Option 1: Chalk Writing

Go outside to a concrete and give each child a piece of chalk. Ask them to write down something that they think separates them from God eg getting angry, shouting at siblings, telling lies. They can write more than one thing and if they think it's a big deal write it in big letters if it's a small thing write it small.

Talk to the children about how they found washing away the words, was it easy or was it hard? How hard does Jesus find it to forgive? Explain that if not just the area you're in but if the whole street or the whole suburb, or city or even world was covered with writing like this. Jesus would still be able to wash it clean.

### Option 2: Build it up, knock it down

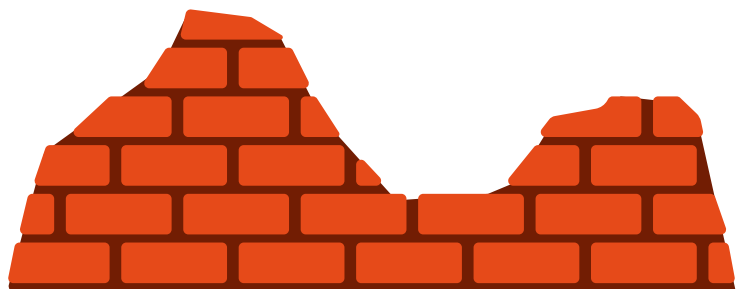
When we sin, it's like a wall that goes up between us and God, yet when we seek forgiveness we can knock that wall down.

Use blocks or something that can be used bricks in the wall. Discuss with the children what are the things that separate us from God, add a brick to the wall each time and build it up.

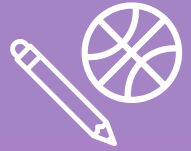
Then discuss what are the things we can do to take those bricks away eg saying sorry, making up etc.

Talk to the children about the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's like us having a great big wall in the way (build the wall up) and smashing it down (knock all the bricks down). You can let the children build up the bricks and then knock them down.

Tips: You can wrap foam blocks or tissue boxes in brown paper to make your own bricks.



**Don't forget:** If you have a nativity scene you can move the figures a little closer to the stable and add this weeks candle to your Advent wreath.



# FAITH

## Isaiah 40:3-5

"A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'"



## The Bethlehem Candle

There was lots that Mary and Joseph had to do to prepare for the journey to Bethlehem before Jesus was born. Today, there are things that we can do so we are prepared for Jesus too.

The second Advent candle is a candle of faith, faith in Jesus can be the greatest gift we may ever receive.

