

HAND PRINT ADVENT 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.

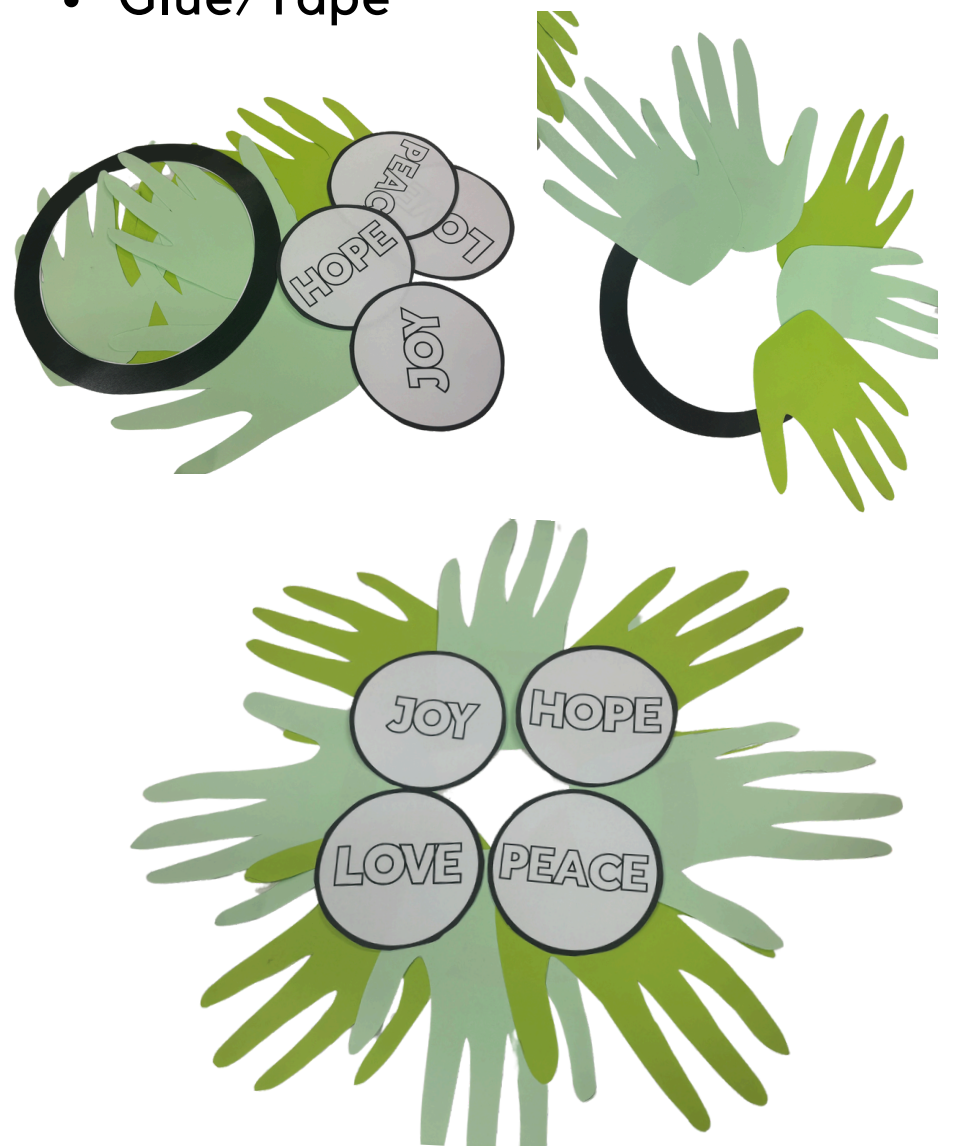
Please note: This activity can take 20+ minutes and may not be suitable for your context. You can adapt it to suit your setting. For example, make one large wreath together and bring your own candles from home. Or make the wreath and first candle and over the following weeks make the next candle for the children to add to their wreath.

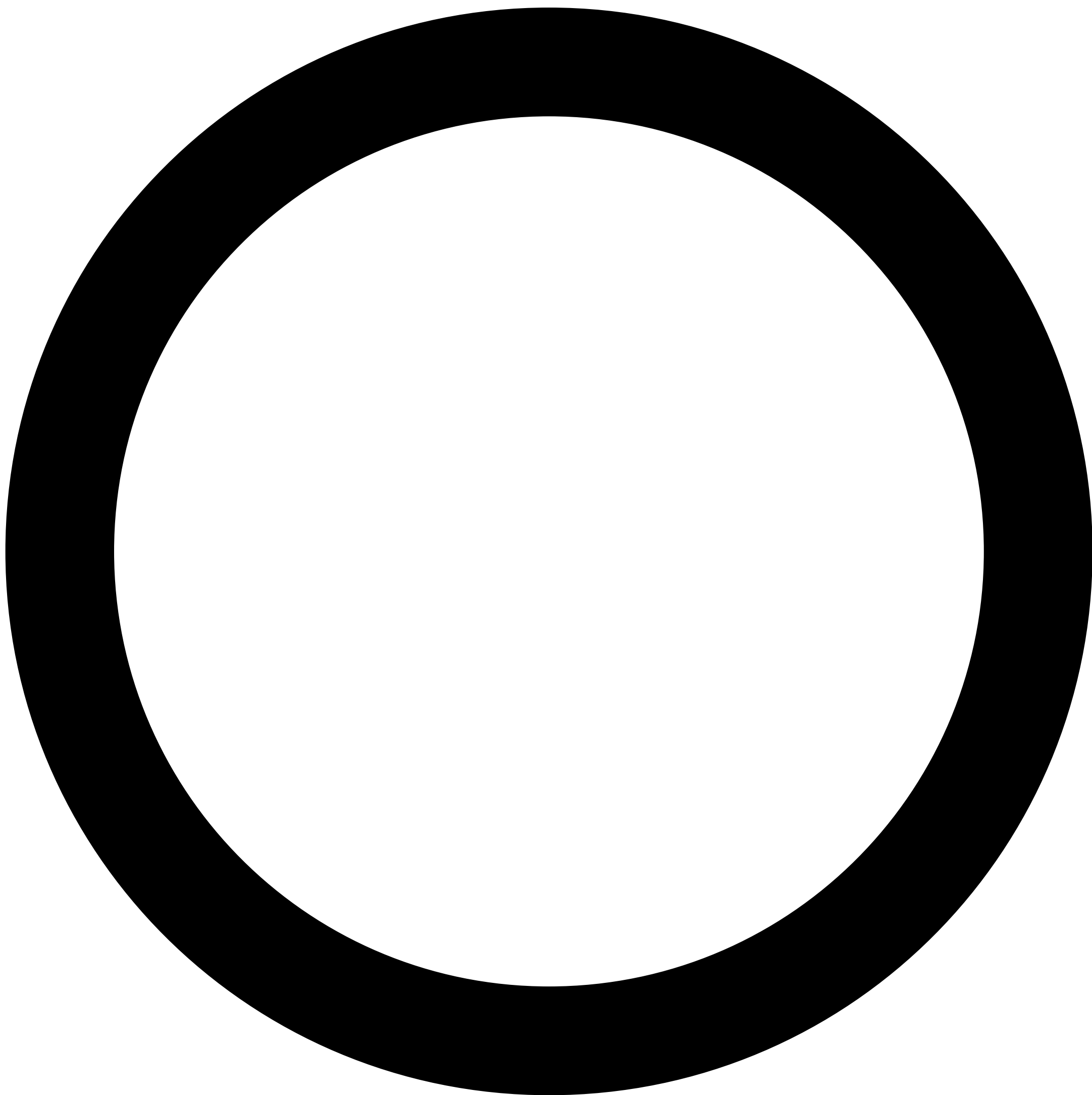
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Using green paper, get the children to draw an outline of their hands on the paper. If you don't have green paper, once the children have traced their hands, invite them to colour it in green.
2. Cut them out and count how many you have. If you are doing this as a family ask each member to create one or if in a class or group make sure everyone completes at least one hand print.
3. Using the circle template, place all the hand prints around to make a wreath like shape. (If you have a larger group create a larger circle to make sure there is enough room to place all handprints)
4. Print out the candle circles template (pg 3). Colour in, cut out and place on the middle of the wreath.
5. Find four candles, 3 purple and 1 pink or print out the Advent candle holders resource. Place each advent candle on the wreath every Sunday of Advent.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Coloured Paper: green, different green, white,
- Scissors
- Card
- Pencils & Marker Pens
- Glue/Tape







HOPE



PEACE



JOY



LOVE