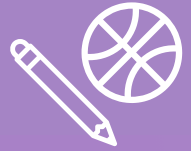


Year A - First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24: 37-44

Watchful Lantern



Background A lantern was like a torch that people used to use in the old days to see in the dark. There are stories in the bible where Jesus talks about people keeping their lanterns burning brightly to prepare for His coming. A lantern is a good reminder to stay alert and faithful just like Jesus taught us..

Materials

- Small paper cups or toilet paper rolls
- Yellow/orange tissue paper (for “flame”)
- Black or brown construction paper (for lantern frame)
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (child-safe)
- Markers or stickers

Instructions

1. Wrap the paper cup or roll with black or brown paper to create the lantern base.
2. Cut flame shapes from tissue paper and glue them inside the top of the lantern.
3. Decorate the outside with stars, crosses, or the phrase: “Be on your guard! Always be ready!”
4. Optional: Place a battery tealight inside to make it glow.



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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.

