

Year A - First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24: 37-44

I hope for...



Background

- Create a prayer space that you can add to each week.
- As we prepare ourselves we can also prepare our space. Here are a few ideas on how you can create a prayer space and build on it each week.

Advent Wreath

- Each week and each candle has its own meaning that you can focus your prayer on.
- Most Liturgical shops sell the candles and you can create a wreath from foliage.



Nativity Set

- Use a nativity set that children can play with, let them play with the figurines and set it up as you like. Talk about each figure and who they were, how they might have felt.
- Set the scene so that the figures are spread out and no one is at the stable yet. As we move closer to Christmas we can move those figures closer each week, helping the children understand the journey of Advent.



Prayer

- This theme for this week of Advent is hope. 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.

