

Year A - Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 11:2-11

Pray for Joy



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.

Thanks for Joy

- There is so much that can bring us joy, and in prayer we can give thanks for the joy in our lives.
- Gather the children in a circle, pass around a Advent symbol (candle, bauble, Manger from the Nativity) around the circle and as each child holds it ask them to say out loud something that brings them joy and to give thanks to God for it. eg "Thank you God for my family!"



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.



Advent Wreath

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

