



CHILDREN'S ADVENT PACKAGE

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Every year, Christians get ready to celebrate Christmas.

The word Advent means "coming."

Advent happens on the four Sundays before Christmas
as we prepare for Christ's coming.

The Advent Wreath

“On that day, the Lord of heavenly forces will be a splendid garland represent and a beautiful wreath for the people who survive.” *Isaiah 28:5*

An Advent wreath is made of evergreens and is circular in shape to represent God's everlasting presence in our lives. It includes four candles plus a white candle in the centre called the Christ candle, this candle is added on Christmas Eve. The three purple candles represent Christ's royalty, the pink candle represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. One candle is lit every Sunday during the Advent Season. Each candle has a name that represents a quality Jesus brings to us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The light of Jesus grows brighter and helps to overcome the darkness of fear and sin.

The Candle of Hope

This is the first candle lit during the Advent season and is sometimes referred to as the candle of prophecy. The prophets of old told of his coming and the people of Israel waited for centuries for his arrival. The angel Gabriel visited Mary also spoke of his arrival
“He will be great, and He will be called the son of the Most High.”

Now it is time to make your Advent wreath:

1. Color the leaves and cut them out. You can add small holly berries from circles of red paper.
2. Attach the leaves and holly around a paper plate
3. Now color the candles and cut them out:
 - Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.
 - Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.
 - Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle or Mary's candle.
 - Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle

If you don't want to color the candles you could rip small pieces of colored paper and glue them onto your candle shapes.

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Advent Wreath Craft (2 pages)



Colour and cut out the candles, fold back each tab, and glue or tape the candles to stand up on the Advent wreath.



