

Catechesis - 2nd Grade 1st Communion Group
December 1st, 2020

A Message from the Catechists, Ms. Lisa and Mrs. Debbie:

“Good afternoon 2nd grade Catechism friends of Jesus and Moms & Dads. Welcome back! We hope you all had a Blessed Thanksgiving. In today’s lesson we will be celebrating Advent. There will be no videos or workbook readings. “

Main Lesson:

1. Let’s invite mom & dad to join us in our **opening prayer**:

- a. Sign of the Cross
- b. “Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the time of our death. Amen

2. **Advent**: the season of the year that in our Christian Faith we observe the preparation of the coming of Jesus.

- a. Now, knowing what Advent means, think about what Jesus being born long ago is so important in our lives today. Ask mom or dad for an example of a reason to help you.
- c. Next, name one way our Faith would be different if not had God sent us Jesus to be born on earth
 - i. Example: Our sins were only forgiven because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - ii. If you can't think of one, name a way your life would be different if not for Jesus.
- d. We know God has given us many Blessings. And the greatest Blessing from God was sending His son, Jesus, to live among us. Through Jesus and His teachings the world was able to understand the love & glory of God.

3. The season of **Advent** is celebrated over 4 weeks leading to December 25th, Christmas day, or the birth of Jesus Christ.

- a. As a symbol of this we have an Advent wreath. This Advent wreath with 4 colored candles, 3 purple candles and 1 “rose-colored” candle.
- b. Each Sunday of Advent we light the candle for that week. Just as each candle represents an Advent week the flame represents Jesus. Because Jesus is our eternal guiding light. He was sent to light the darkness of the world.
 - i. First Week Candle – “Hope”
 - ii. Second Week Candle – “Faith”
 - iii. Third Week Candle (Rose-Colored Candle) – “Joy”
 - iv. Fourth Week Candle – Peace

c. Here is a picture of the Advent Wreath below:



4. Additional coloring Activities (attached to the e-mail and website):

- a. [Activity - Meaning of Advent and What Can we do for Advent](#)
- b. [Advent Wreath](#)

5, **Closing Prayer:**

a. "Let's invite our parents to join us again in reading our closing passage for the week:

"In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace with which He has Blessed us in the Beloved." --
Ephesians 1:5-6

God bless you all

-Miss Lisa and Mrs. Debbie