

During Advent we wait and prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We do this by opening our hearts in our prayers and in the ways we care for others.

As you complete the activities in this booklet look for the ornaments on the Christmas tree. Color each one as you find it. Ask God to bless you and your family as you open your hearts to Jesus this Advent.



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❧ Sunday ❧

DECEMBER 2 • FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

## The Advent wreath

An Advent wreath reminds us that Jesus is coming. We light a new candle each week during the season of Advent and say a prayer. As the light on the Advent wreath grows each week, we remember to open our hearts to the love of Jesus.

**Draw four candles on the wreath.**  
*Color three of them purple and one of them pink.*



**Jesus, make this Advent a time to prepare my heart  
for your coming at Christmas.**

❧ Monday ❧

DECEMBER 3 • FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

# Advent is a time for prayer

When we pray, we tell God what is in our hearts.  
We give thanks and ask for God's help and guidance.  
We also listen for God to speak to us in our hearts.  
Advent is a special time to pray for others and for ourselves.

**Fill in the lines to tell about  
ways you can pray.**

**My favorite prayer is** \_\_\_\_\_

**My favorite place to pray is** \_\_\_\_\_

**My favorite time to pray is** \_\_\_\_\_

**One person I pray for is** \_\_\_\_\_

**Find this ornament on the tree  
at the front of your book and color it.**



**Jesus, remind me to make prayer  
a part of each day this Advent.**

❖ Tuesday ❖

DECEMBER 4 • FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

## We care for others during Advent

Jesus showed his love for others by caring for them. We can open our hearts to Jesus by following the way he lived. Think of someone you can care for today. How can you show them the same kind of love that Jesus showed to others?

**Help each animal by drawing a line to what they want.**



**Jesus, help me to show my love for you by helping others.**

✧ Wednesday ✧

DECEMBER 5 • FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

# Praying for forgiveness

Jesus taught that we can always ask God for forgiveness when we have done or said something that hurts another person. By saying we are sorry, we make our hearts more loving and caring.

**Use the key to find something else Jesus taught about forgiveness.**

Twelve rows of icons for a word search puzzle. The icons are: cross, flower, bell, diamond, target, flower, diamond, checkmark, dove, cross, flower, snowflake, diamond, drop, globe, star, checkmark, snowflake, bell, diamond, target, checkmark, flower, star, drop, globe, star, checkmark, flower, cross, heart, heart, flower, diamond, checkmark, dove, cross, flower, snowflake, bell, diamond, target.

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**Jesus, show me how to ask for forgiveness when I hurt someone else.**

ANSWER: If you forgive others, your father will forgive you.

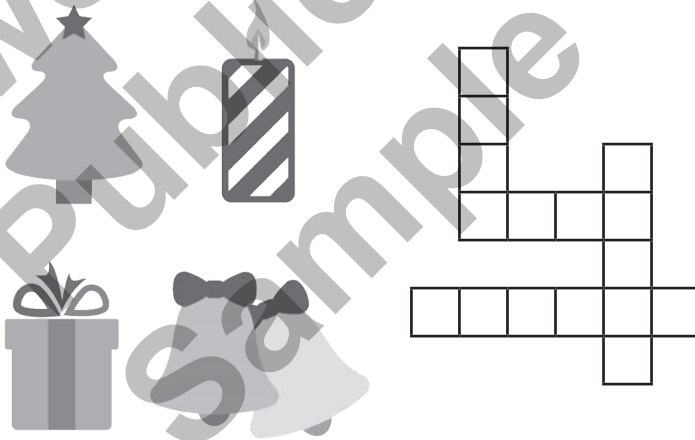
❁ Thursday ❁

DECEMBER 6 • FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

# Advent prepares us for Christmas

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. We do fun things with our families and friends. The holidays are a happy time in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and parishes. This is a special time to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

**Use the picture clues to fill in the crossword puzzle.**



Jesus, help me to make this Advent a time of joy  
as I welcome you into my heart.

ANSWER: gifts, bells, tree, candle

❖ Friday ❖

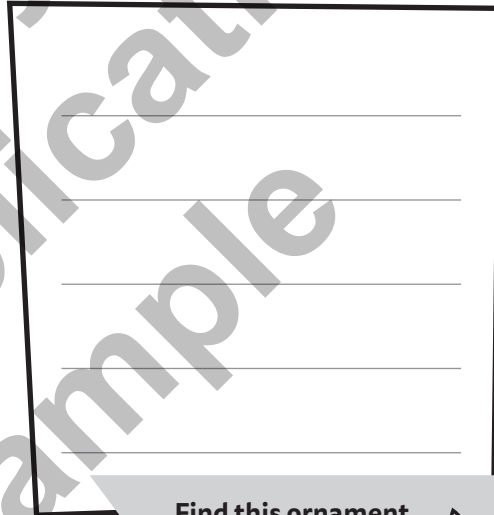
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## We bring our needs to God in prayer

Jesus taught us to bring all of our needs to God in prayer. The most important needs are those that rest in our hearts. We need love and care from others as well as help in sharing our love with them in return. What needs will you bring to God in prayer this Advent?

**Write a prayer for something your family needs this Advent.**

*Share it with your family as you gather together for a meal or before bedtime.*



**Find this ornament on the tree at the front of your book and color it.**



**Jesus, take care of all of our needs, especially those that lie deep in our hearts.**



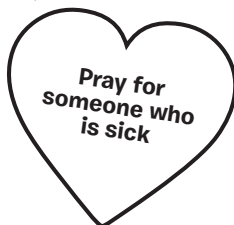
❧ Saturday ❧

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## Making loving choices

Another way we open our hearts to Jesus is by choosing ways to love and care for others. During Advent we can choose to practice kindness and thoughtfulness.

**Color the hearts that show loving choices.  
Cross out those that don't belong.**



**Jesus, show me how to make loving choices this Advent.**