

WEEK AHEAD—NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4, 2020

RELIGION---GRADES KINDERGARTEN-8

This week begins the New Liturgical Church Year. This New Church Year begins with the Season of Advent. Advent is the Church's season for waiting. We are waiting for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

+FAITH FOCUS: ADVENT IS THE CHURCH'S SEASON OF WAITING AND PREPARING FOR JESUS' COMING ANEW INTO OUR LIVES.

While we wait, we recall that Jesus has already come as our Messiah, born of the Virgin Mary, in the town of Bethlehem. We also wait as a faithful community for Jesus to come to us again on Christmas. We believe that He comes to us in our waiting. And we believe that Christ will come to us in majesty at the end of time.

While we wait, we prepare to welcome the One who is to come. Advent waiting is not idle waiting; it requires our full attention and all our patience. We must be willing to listen for God's voice in all the noise and in the silence of our lives, we watch with eyes of faith for Jesus' face among the holiday crowds.

Each Class will participate in different activities on their grade levels to show ways they prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus Christ as an Infant and Our Lord and Savior.

We will make Advent Wreaths

- B. Discuss and decorate the Jesse Tree using symbols and Scripture Verses as a guide.
- C. Unscramble Puzzles.
- D. Word Search
- E. Bible Stories

REFLECTION TIME: FAMILY TIME---How will I (we) wait for Jesus this Advent season?

+LET US PRAY,

Jesus, open our hearts during Advent to wait patiently for you in all Your comings. While we wait, help us listen to Your voice above all the other voices in our world and follow where You lead us. Enable us to see You in our own goodness and in the goodness of others. Instill in us a longing for Your grace, light. And peace. Amen.

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LESSON PLANS for the WEEK of NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4, 2020

RELIGION---GRADES K-3---ADVENT---LESSON 1---OBJECTIVES: Participation in this lesson will help the children:

---understand that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing. (SHARE)

---learn that the season of Advent is a four-week preparation for Christmas. (HEAR & BELIEVE)

---identify how the students can wait and prepare their hearts for Jesus. (RESPOND)

PROCEDURES: TTW pray the Scripture verse at the top of page 318.

- B. Share experiences of waiting.
- C. Read and discuss the text "The Season of Advent."
- D. Locate the season of Advent on the Liturgical calendar.
- E. Discuss the photographs.

ASSESSMENT: TLW choose orally a message in the Activity on page 319 to prepare for Jesus' coming.

- B. Begin preparation on making an Advent Wreath. (Activity Booklet-Advent A and B.)

RELIGION---GRADES 4-8---ADVENT---LESSON 1---OBJECTIVES: Participation in this lesson will help the students:

---appreciate that some events in life are unexpected. (SHARE)

---learn about the Second Coming of Christ. (HEAR & BELIEVE)

---understand that Jesus wants His followers to be ready for His return. (RESPOND)

PROCEDURES: TTW pray the Scripture verse at the top of page 318.

- B. Discuss personal experiences.
- C. Read the text about the Second Coming of Christ.
- D. Discuss the text and what Christ's Second Coming means for Christians.

ASSESSMENT: TLW color the stained-glass window in the Activity on page 319 to reveal the hidden message of Advent.

- B. Prepare a welcoming crib for the infant Jesus by writing on top of each piece of straw one good act that you will do during Advent. (Activity Booklet-Advent A)

