

Advent School Resource Booklet 2024

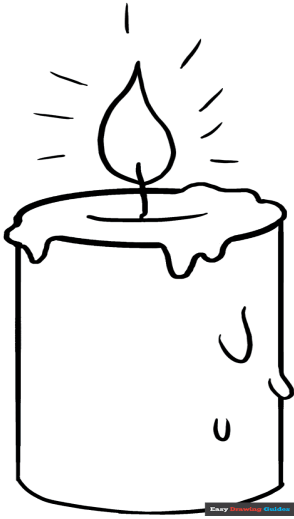
The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming".
During the four weeks of Advent, we are preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ.
Introductory Advent Activity: Advent Calendar of Kindness
Fill in your own acts of kindness on days with blank boxes.
Tick each activity as you try to be kind every day during Advent.


December


2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Sunday 1st December: Donate one of your books, teddies, toys or games to a local charity shop.
2nd: Tell a joke to make someone smile.
3rd: Offer to help someone.
6th: Give someone a big hug.
7th: Nature: Leave out seeds or nuts for the birds.
8th: Make a Christmas card for a neighbour.
11th: Make your teacher a homemade Christmas gift.
12th: Clean your room and make your bed.
15th: Give someone a compliment.
16th: Pick up litter on the road or beach with an adult.
17th: Bake mince pies or biscuits and bring to a food shelter with an adult.
19th: Go carol singing to raise money for charity.
20th: Draw an Advent picture for a grandparent.
24th: Be a good listener when someone is talking.



Week 1 Activity: Write or draw your hopes for Advent on the Advent candle and colour it purple.

Light the first purple candle. This candle represents HOPE.

Leader: God our Father, watch over us as we prepare for this season of Advent. Fill our hearts with hope as we wait patiently for the coming of your son, Jesus.

Reader 1: Lord, our Advent wreath is circular and has no beginning or end, just like your love for us.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Reader 2: May the light of Christ bring hope into a world of poverty and need. Come, Lord Jesus, to bring good news to children who are poor and all who wait in need.

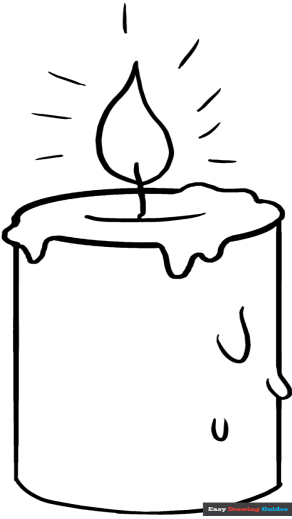
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Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts we pray.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Reader 4: Lord, help us to remember those who are poor and hungry this Advent, who, like you, were not born into warm safe places.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.



Week 2 Activity: Write your peaceful thoughts for Advent on the Advent candle and colour it purple.

Light the first and second purple candles. The second candle represents PEACE.

Prayer 1: Let us pray for peace in the world. Let us especially remember countries where there is war. We pray that peace will prevail. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer 2: We pray for our leaders in the church during Advent. We remember how the purple vestments signify the coming of Baby Jesus. Lord, give our pope, bishops and priests strength and peace. Lord, hear us.

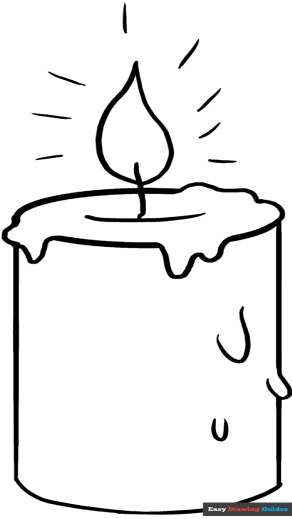
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Prayer 3: We pray for children around the world who are not looking forward to Christmas because of war, famine and poverty. May we always remember to pray for them. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer 4: As we enter the second week of Advent, we pray for the gift of forgiveness. May we always remember to say sorry and extend forgiveness to others. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.



Week 3 Activity: Write or draw all the ways you bring joy to others on the Advent candle and colour it pink.

Light the first two purple candles and the pink candle. The pink candle represents JOY.

Prayer 1: We pray for those who have worked to make our school and church community bright and beautiful during this season of Advent. May they enjoy the Christmas season that follows. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer 2: We pray for people who are traveling at this busy time. Like Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem, may they be safe on their journeys. Lord, hear us.

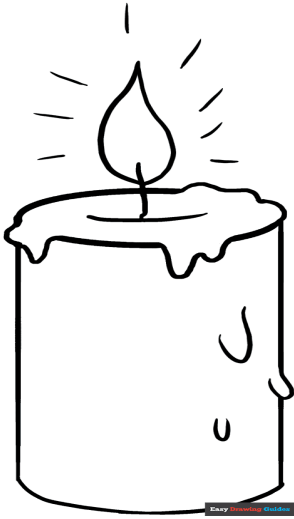
All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer 3: We pray for the joy of Mary, the mother of Jesus. When the Angel Gabriel brought her the news, Mary was joyful. May we always remember to be joyful at school, home and play. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer 4: We pray for people who are homeless during this season of Advent. May we always show them warmth and light. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.



Week 4 Activity: Draw or list the people you love on the Advent candle and colour it purple.

Light the three purple candles and the pink candle. The fourth candle (purple) represents LOVE.

Reader 1: Lord, this Advent, help us to dispel darkness and increase the light and love in our lives as we prepare for Christmas.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Reader 2: May we open our hearts to the warmth of Christ's light and love. Bless our school and our families with your love.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you are with us always, even when we are afraid. Bring love into our hearts when we are scared or lonely.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Reader 4: We pray for a good week during this final art of Advent. May we always remember the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – and the true meaning of Christmas.

Leader: Let us close our eyes and say a quiet prayer to the Lord.



White Candle: Christmas Day

The Advent wreath is evergreen which is the colour of new and everlasting life.

Activity: Light all the candles on your Advent wreath or design your own wreath, cut it out and stick it on the door.