

CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith **Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace**

Please note: Some of our lesson plans contain links to Christian, non-Catholic resources. When preparing your lessons, we urge you to inform yourself on the teachings of the Catholic Church with respect to the Sunday gospel and readings. If you find links in any of the lesson plans which may be counter to the teachings of the Church, please notify lisa@catholicmom.com. These lesson plan helpers are designed to assist you in pulling together creative ideas and activities to supplement your lesson plan, but are not designed to be catechetical in nature. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

December 2, 2007
First Sunday of Advent

Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44

Activities

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/coloring_pages.htm

Scroll down to Coloring Page, Mass Worksheet, Crossword Puzzle, Word Search

ecusa.anglican.org

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534_53814_ENG_HTM.htm

Lesson Plans for Small Congregations

webelieveweb.com

http://www.webelieveweb.com/home_proclaiming_faith.cfm?reading_id=139&language=eng&book=0

Scroll down to Gospel Reflection, Discussion Questions for the Gospel, and Proclaiming Faith Activities

textweek.com

<http://www.textweek.com/mtk/matt24.htm>

Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship Links and Resources

sundayschoollessons.com

<http://www.sundayschoollessons.com/advm1les.htm>

No One Knows the Day or the Hour of Jesus' Coming lesson

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_11-28-04.pdf

Activity sheets, coloring pages, puzzles, etc.

Advent Adventure- Prepare for the birth of Jesus activity. Big Book of Ideas for Children's Faith Formation by McNamara, McKeever, and Robinson, page 6.

Advent Guessing Game- Familiarized the children with some of the signs and symbols of Advent while having fun. (Big Book of Ideas for Children's Faith Formation, by McNamara, McKeever, and Robinson, page 9).

Advent Prayer Cube- Introduce a new prayer each week during the four weeks of

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Advent with a prayer cube. (Big Book of Ideas for Children's Faith Formation, by McNamara, McKeever, and Robinson, page 10).

Coloring

msscperu.org

http://www.msscperu.org/caricaturas/graficoslit/adviento_navidad/1_adv_a.htm

Clip art

servicioskoinonia.org

<http://www.servicioskoinonia.org/cerezo/dibujosA/01AdvientoA1.jpg>

Clip art

coloringbookfun.com

<http://coloringbookfun.com/christian/originalimages/Advent.jpg>

Advent Calendar- Students can count down the days until Christmas by coloring the calendar.

dltk-bible.com

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/advent/index.htm>

Advent Coloring Book- Print out these 24 coloring pages with quotations from Luke (first 15 pages) and Matthew (last 9 pages) to reinforce the Christmas story. Color and read one page per day from December 1st thru the 24th. Put them all together to make a booklet you can read as a family on Christmas day!

coloringbookfun.com

<http://coloringbookfun.com/christian/imagepages/image2.html>

Printable Advent Calendar.

webelieveweb.com

http://www.webelieveweb.com/documents/downloadables/parish/grade_2/g2_chapter_13.pdf

Coloring activity.

webelieveweb.com

http://www.webelieveweb.com/documents/downloadables/parish/grade_3/g3_chapter_13.pdf

Coloring activity.

sermons4kids.com

<http://www.sermons4kids.com/candle-of-hope-colorpg.htm>

Candle of hope.

Crafts

Advent Calendar- To help children prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Big Book of Ideas for Children's Faith Formation by Beth Branigan McNamara, page 7 & 8.

first-school.ws

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<http://www.first-school.ws/activities/bible/advent1.htm>

Advent wreath

Advent Chains:

http://www.freemethodistchurch.org/Sections/Prayer/Stories/11-26-03_AdventChain.htm

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/6580/vbs.html#advent>

http://www.catholicmom.com/Faith/advent_chain_activity_from_catholicmom_com.htm

<http://catholicparenting.com/Html/Crafts/CraftsAdventAdventChain.shtml>

<http://www.rca.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=1630&srcid=1600>

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/advent_paper_chain.htm

Advent Wreaths:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/adventcalendars/a/bladventhpwr.htm>

http://www.geocities.com/pastorali/Avvent/Advent_Wreath_Reminders.html

<http://www.rca.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=1601&srcid=1600>

http://www.christiancrafters.com/no_flame_advent_wreath.html

Games

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/lesson_plan.advent_bingo.htm

Advent Bingo

Bible Win, Loose, or Draw- http://www.christiancrafters.com/game_drawit.html

Use Advent words to play this game. (Example: Angel, shepherds, baby, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Lord, afraid, magi, gifts, star, manger, warned, candle, wreath, etc.).

Bible Tic Tac Toe- <http://www.christiancrafters.com/page10.html>

Use Advent trivia questions to play this game (scroll down near bottom of page).

Hangman- (Players try to solve the Advent mystery word). The teacher picks an Advent word that is written on a piece of paper out of a bowl. The teacher then starts the hangman game by writing a blank line for each letter in the word. Teacher then picks someone to guess a letter. (Write on the chalkboard the letters that were guessed that were not in the mystery word). If a letter is guess correctly, it is written in the appropriate

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blank(s) and that person who guessed correctly gets another turn. They can guess another letter or guess the mystery word. If the person is incorrect, another player gets a turn. Whoever guessed the mystery word gets to pick an Advent word out of the bowl and start the hangman game.

Preparation Station- This game will help your kids understand what it means to prepare their hearts, minds, and lives for Jesus' coming during Advent season. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 156).

The Waiting Game- This icebreaker game will help your kids discover that God delivers on his promises even when waiting is part of his plan. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 157).

Lesson Plans

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/lesson_plan.advent.htm

Activities for all ages.

Puzzles

efreemb.ca/lectionarypuzzles

<http://www.efree.mb.ca/lectionarypuzzles/in-awag.htm#ad1>

Word Search puzzles

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_11-28-04.pdf

Activity sheets, coloring pages, puzzles, etc.

domestic-church.com

http://www.domestic-church.com/CONTENT.DCC/19981101/FRIDGE/WRD_SRCH.HTM

Advent word search

catholicmom.com

http://www.catholicmom.com/printables/advent_crossword.pdf

Advent crossword

Quiz

catholiccatechist.org

http://www.catholiccatechist.org/Files/Advent/Preparing_the_Way_of_the_Lord_An_Advent_Quiz.doc

Advent Quiz

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Worksheets

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade1/4301-W_071.pdf

Draw and color something you will do each week during Advent.

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade2/4302-W_071.pdf

One question to answer and activity

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade3/4303-W_071.pdf

An Advent Calendar- Do a little something each day to prepare for Christmas. Write in what you will do.

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade4/4304-W_071.pdf

Celebrating Advent- On the lines below, write down some of the things you think Mary did while she waited for Jesus to be born.

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade5/4305-W_071.pdf

Celebrating the Advent Season- Answer five questions about Advent.

comingtofaith.com

http://www.comingtofaith.com/pdf/grade6/4306-W_071.pdf

Celebrating Advent- Trace the ancestors of Jesus as far as we have studied. Write one or two sentences about each one.

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