

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 23, 2007
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

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=144&language=eng&book=0

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

sermons4kids.com

http://www.sermons4kids.com/jesus_is_coming_to_town.htm

Jesus is Coming to Town object lesson

sundayschoollessons.com

<http://www.sundayschoollessons.com/advm4les.htm>

Jesus is Born, and Our Wonderful Story Begins lesson

textweek.com

<http://www.textweek.com/mtlk/matt1.htm>

Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship Links and Resources

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_12-19-04.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.

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

Coloring

mscperu.org

http://www.mscperu.org/caricaturas/graficoslit/adviento_navidad/4_adv_a.htm

Clip art

sermons4kids.com

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

Candle of love

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.

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 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).

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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).

Surpriseball-The Really Big Book of Bible Games, page 150.

Puzzles

efree.mb.ca

<http://www.efree.mb.ca/lectionarypuzzles/in-awag.htm#ad4>

Word Search

Joseph Cares for Mary- In the space draw a picture of what the angel told Joseph in his dream. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 10).

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