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Advent and Christmas Resources 2012



Journey through the Advent Season to
Christmas in the primary school classroom

Activities specifically designed for **each** class level – Junior and Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th

ADVENT *A New Year for the Church*

FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH YEAR

- The Church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on the Feast of Christ the King.
- The Church year is divided into different seasons just like the calendar year.
- We can tell which season we are in by the different colours the priest wears when celebrating Mass.

In Advent the priest wears purple, the colour of royalty that we are waiting to welcome Christ, the King. The same colour is worn during Lent.

While no gold vestments are worn for the occasion and Easter, times of great joy in the Church Year, we see also worn for the Feasts of Our Lord, such as the Lord and for Feasts of Mary such as the Immaculate Conception which we celebrate during Advent.

In Ordinary Time the priest wears green. Green is a colour of life and growth.

Red, the colour of blood, is worn on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Red is also worn on the Feast of Pentecost and for the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Church Year is also called the Liturgical Year.

There are three Liturgical Years A, B, and C. In each of the three years the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection told in the Gospels is read in a different order.

In Year A most of the Gospels are from Matthew, in Year B from Mark, and in Year C from Luke.

John's Gospel can be heard in all three years mostly during the Feast of Pentecost.

This year in Advent we begin Year A!

Advent Calendar

Getting Ready for Jesus

The prophet Isaiah told the people: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "you must be a virgin. You are going to be the Mother of Jesus."

Joseph said to Mary, "We must go to Bethlehem to be counted in the census and then we must for the baby."

The Three Wise Men said to each other, "we have seen a star in the east and we must to follow the star."

The Shepherds said to each other, "we must to go to Bethlehem and see the thing that the Angels have told us about."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MATTHEW 1:18-25

Use the key below to help you to tell the story from this week's Gospel.

Mary Joseph Baby Angel

A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding. While thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Don't be afraid that you will have a son with the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her son is born, name him Jesus."

Joseph did what the angel had told him, and he and Mary were married.

What words would you use to describe the way Joseph acted?

SACRED SPACE FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Open the class Bible on the Gospel passage for this week. Continue to colour in the stars on the Advent calendar. Light the last purple/violet candle on the Advent wreath during prayer time this week. Place a picture or statue of St Joseph in the Sacred Space this week and pray for the courage to do what God wants you to do.

We are delighted with this resource and will make very good use of it.

Excellent resources, as ever for primary schools in Advent.

A wonderful resource from a very happy primary teacher.

It's become a tradition in our school to use these materials.



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Prayer Services included

Focus on saints, feast days, and Sunday Readings