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November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

Gospel – Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Activities

new.catholicmom.com

<http://new.catholicmom.com/category/sundays-gospel/>

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

webelieveweb.com

http://www.webelieveweb.com/home_proclaiming_faith.cfm?reading_id=376&language=eng&book=0

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

ecusa.anglican.org

http://ecusa.anglican.org/50534_50556_ENG_HTM.htm

Lesson Plans for Small Congregations

sermons4kids.com

<http://www.sermons4kids.com/waiting-and-watching.html>

Waiting and Watching object lesson with coloring page.

sermons4kids.com

http://sermons4kids.com/jesus_is_coming_again.htm

Jesus Is Coming Again! object lesson with coloring, puzzles, quiz

sermons4kids.com

http://sermons4kids.com/jesus_is_coming_again_group_activities.htm

Christ Is Coming Again (group activities)- crafts, games, songs, etc.

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grassroots.com

<http://www.grassroots.com.au/Kidschurch/advent.htm>

Advent Sunday lesson with activity

grassroots.com

<http://www.grassroots.com.au/Kidschurch/Badvent.htm>

Advent 1 lesson with activity

sundayschoollessons.com

<http://sundayschoollessons.com/adv1les.htm>

My Lord! What A Morning lesson

textweek.com

<http://www.textweek.com/mtlk/lk21b.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/mkjinacts/jn10a.htm> Lectionary, Scripture Study
and Worship Links and Resources

homiliesbyemail.com

http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_11-30-03.pdf

Activity pages, coloring, puzzles, etc.

loyolapress.com

<http://www.loyolapress.com/assets/advent/Advent-children-calendar.pdf>

Children's Advent Calendar 2009- activities to do each day of Advent to
share the meaning of the season

Coloring

sermons4kids.com

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

Candle of Hope coloring page for the first Sunday of Advent.

sermons4kids.com

http://sermons4kids.com/christ_is_coming_again_abda_colorpg.htm

Luke 21:27

coloringbookfun.com

<http://coloringbookfun.com/Christian%20Christmas/imagepages/image2.html>

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

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Crafts

Introduce craft: What is the season of the church year during which we prepare for Christ's coming?

books.google.com

<http://books.google.com/books?id=frenzMhk8NUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Big+Book+of+Ideas+for+Children%E2%80%99s+Faith+Formation#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

Advent Calendar- A take home Advent calendar that you make. (Big Book of Ideas for Children's Faith Formation, by McNamara, McKeever, and Robinson, page 7 & 8).

Church Crafts and Activities

<http://www.orgsites.com/md/church-crafts-and-activities/2009PrintableAdventChain.pdf>

2009 Printable Advent Chain Craft- Print out pattern on regular paper for students to color or print out on colored paper. Have students cut into strips. Build your paper chain stapling the strips with a stapler in the correct order. Each day you tear off a piece of the chain that corresponds to the date and do the activity. Before you know it, it will be Christmas day!

Introduce craft: What is an Advent wreath? It reminds us that we are waiting and preparing for the coming of the Savior, Jesus.

first-school.ws

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

Advent Wreath- Discuss on the board (show students what color each candle is) and review how an Advent wreath is lit and in what order. Students make Advent wreath.

crayola.com

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/detail/advent-wreath-placemat-craft/>

Advent Wreath Placemat- Kids can use this placemat as they count down the days.

catholicmom.com

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

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Advent Wreath Craft- No burn, construction paper wreath that is made with your child's handprints. (You can also add a white construction paper candle in the middle of the wreath. Do not cut out a hole in the center of the paper plate so you can glue the white construction paper candle in the middle.)

Games

Stand Up, Sit Down

Introduction: Everyone goes through good times and bad times. It matters how you handle them. Let's see how well you can handle the hardships that are thrown at you.

Materials: Index cards

Directions: On the index cards print on each one a hardship that could happen during someone's lifetime (make them age appropriate). (You can also have each student write up some on index cards). Divide the classroom into two teams. Ask one person from team #1 a hardship and they must come up with a solution. If it is a good answer, they stand up. If it is not, they stay seated. Ask one person from team #2 a question, etc. The game continues from one team to another. When all have been asked a question, go through the team players again in order. If the player standing continues to come up with a good solution to the hardship, they remain standing. If they do not, they have to sit down. Each time a player answers correctly, their team receives a point. The highest team score wins.

Last Man Standing

Introduction: Everyone goes through good times and bad times. It matters how you handle them. Let's see how well you can handle the hardships that are thrown at you.

Materials: empty 2 liter soda bottles, one small ball, white paper, glue, crayons, masking tape or chalk

Directions: Have students sitting at several tables and have them draw a person on a piece of paper and color it (one person per group and done as a group project). Students then cut the person out and glue each one

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on a 2-liter bottle. Place people bottles like bowling pins against a wall. Draw a line with chalk or use masking tape to make a line that the students must bowl behind. Divide the classroom into 2 teams. Have one line for each team behind the line; the students stand behind one another in a long line with their team. One student at a time will roll a small ball at the people bottles to see if they can handle the hardships that are thrown at them. Each student gets one roll then goes to the end of their team line. Tally how many people bottles they knock down for their team. The highest team score wins.

Introduce game: What do you know about Advent? Let's find out.

christiancrafters.com

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

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

christiancrafters.com

<http://www.christiancrafters.com/games-Bible.html>

Bible Tic Tac Toe- (Scroll down to bottom.) 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.

books.google.com

<http://books.google.com/books?id=flenzMhk8NUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Big+Book+of+Ideas+for+Children%E2%80%99s+Faith+Formation#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

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Advent Adventure- Take the children on an Advent adventure. (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).

books.google.com

<http://books.google.com/books?id=frenzMhk8NUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Big+Book+of+Ideas+for+Children%E2%80%99s+Faith+Formation#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

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).

books.google.com

<http://books.google.com/books?id=6WGMExsZ9uEC&pg=PP1&dq=The+Encyclopedia+of+Bible+Games+for+Children%E2%80%99s+Ministry#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

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).

catholicmom.com

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

Advent Bingo

catholicmom.com

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

Advent True or False Game

catholicblogger1.blogspot.com

<http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2008/12/advent-wreath-file-folder-game.html>

Advent Wreath (file folder game)

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Puzzles

sermons4kids.com

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

ABC order

sermons4kids.com

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

Alphabet Soup

sermons4kids.com

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

Word Shape

sermons4kids.com

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

Word Search

sermons4kids.com

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

Crossword

joanyedwards.com

<http://www.joanyedwards.com/crossword/C1PrintPDFBeStrong.pdf>

Crossword

catholicmom.com

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

Advent (crossword)

Quizzes

sermons4kids.com

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

Multiple Choice

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