

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING: HOPE



First Week of Advent

Children's Liturgy
Presentation Guide



Core Concepts

The first advent wreath candle reminds us that Jesus brings hope to our hearts and lights up our lives.

Materials:

- An Advent Wreath
- The Introduction to Advent Presentation
- A Bible Timeline
- The Bible cabinet

Introduce the Advent wreath using the presentation guide, and then move on to this presentation. The Sunday's first reading of Jeremiah is used for this presentation.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

One purple candle is lit.

Teacher: Today we are lighting the candle of hope. It is also called the Prophet's Candle. It reminds us that people waited for a long time for the saviour of the world to come.

The prophets reminded them of God's promise of a saviour. In this reading the Prophet Jeremiah brought a message of hope. He foretold a time to come when God would save his people

We also look forward to the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Reader 1: A Prophecy of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 33: 14-16)

I will make a virtuous branch grow from David.

See the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will make a virtuous branch grow for David. who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: "The Lord is our integrity".

Reader 2: A Prayer of Hope

God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son.

Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength.

All: Amen.

Reader 3:

Jesus, your coming into the world brings us hope. You bring light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts and into the hearts of those we love.

All: Amen.

Hymn (Select as preferred/ appropriate)

O Emmanuel (Mike Mangan) with Lyrics

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6O0vIm20JPO

O Come Emmanuel

www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLf3J7yq6PE4

www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7g7J-odll4

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xv7PWGSDZZs

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKmmPvGf_Q0

Come, O Come Emmanuel (another version)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaWX-k11GWo

Hearts Waiting (Matt Redman)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFCRxxv2e8aA&t=40s

