



LIGHT OF HOPE, FAITH, JOY AND PEACE

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KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

Kids Assembly Topic for December 2021

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Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

1. Understand the meaning of Advent wreath as our tradition during advent
2. Realize the importance of advent as preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. Let the light of Christ in us, shine brighter this Christmas Season



I. MOTIVATION

Activity: Video Watching about Advent wreath

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x606i4LIWtw>

Directions:

- Show the video to the kids for them to appreciate the season of advent.
- Ask them what are the things that they are excited about Christmas.
- **Processing:** A saint is a person who is believed to be especially close to God! As kids, we also want to be close to God. And as the lyrics of the song says - "When the Saints go marching in, Lord, how I want to be in that number!" How we want to be there - to be one with them with God.



II. HEAD

Christmas celebration is a season that is full of light and life! There are many ways that we can do, as we prepare for Christmas. As Catholics, we called this preparation Advent Season.

During Advent, we celebrate by putting up an Advent Wreath and lighting candles each week. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent is a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. Let's celebrate this year's Christmas by appreciating the light of Jesus through an Advent wreath.



III. HEART

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. Having a proper understanding of the message of the advent wreath and candles may help us to be spiritually prepared for Christmas.

Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas and in these 4 celebrations of the Eucharist. Sundays of Advent, the lighting of a candle can be accompanied by a Bible reading, devotional time, and prayers. God teaches us HOPE, FAITH, JOY, and PEACE!

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Candle symbolizes the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus.

1. HOPE. (The prophet's candle)

Romans 15:12-13

"And again Isaiah says: 'The root of Jesse shall come, raised up to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit."

Hope for kids means - "a desire together with the expectation of getting what is wanted." The first candle of the Advent wreath, the prophecy candle, or candle of hope. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. He is the most awaited savior of the people.

In this world that is full of darkness, hope is like a light shining in a dark place. Jesus is the source of hope! As we look at the light of the candle, we celebrate the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

2. FAITH. (The Bethlehem Candle)

Luke 3:4-6

"As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Faith is trusting in something or someone. Faith in God is believing that He can and will do all that He has promised. The second is called the Bethlehem candle, or the candle of preparation. The second candle of the Advent wreath reminds us to prepare the way of the Lord.

Mama Mary and St. Joseph journeyed a lot of high and low for miles as they travel to Bethlehem, but despite that, they continue their mission. They don't fully understand God's plan at that time but had faith in the promise of God.

May we have the faith that they have in God. May our faith in Christ give us peace despite all chaos happening around us.

3. JOY (The Shepherds Candle)

Luke 2:10

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'"

Joy is a feeling of pleasure or happiness that comes from success, good fortune, or a sense of well-being. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

It is an anticipation of the birthday of Jesus! If there is a birthday celebration, there would be joy. Let's rejoice because we will celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. May it help us to experience the true joy that no one can take away from us.

4. PEACE (The Angel's candle)

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Peace means freedom, harmony or a quiet and calm state of mind. On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle,

the “Angel’s Candle” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

Remember that Jesus is the Prince of Peace! When we have Jesus in our hearts, we have His peace within us. The peace that we have because of His great love for us. Another for Jesus is Emmanuel, it means God is with us! He came to us to give us HOPE, FAITH, JOY and PEACE!



IV. HANDS

A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity 1: Coloring Activity

Materials:

- Printed copy of handout (*See Appendices A, B and C for the materials*)
- Coloring Materials

B. For First Step (5-6 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

Activity: **Advent Wreath Making**

Materials:

- Bond Paper
- Scissors
- Pen/Pencil
- Colored Paper (Green, Purple, Orange & Pink)
- Glue

Instructions:

- Draw out a circle and a candle in your band paper.
- Cut out your colored/construction paper into small pieces
- Put glue or paste in your candles and advent wreath drawing.
- Put your cut out paper into your drawing.
- Use green paper in the circle part of the wreath. Use purple and pink for the candle and orange paper for its fire.
- Done! You have finished creating your Advent Wreath craft.



C. Step Up (11-12 years old)

Activity: Household

Discussion question:

1. What is hope, faith, joy and peace for you?
2. What is your prayer to Jesus this Christmas Season?



IV. TAKE AWAY

Jesus the Light of the World! In every candle that we lit in the advent candle, Jesus is showing us that His light is our, HOPE, FAITH, JOY and PEACE! This is the plan of God for us.

John 8:12

"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

We will never live in darkness, as long that we have Jesus! Jesus alone can conquer all the darkness. May we always follow Him our true light!

To complete your Voyager's badge, here is our December badge! Good job Voyagers! Now we are ready to head on to our next adventure!



RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Appendix B



Appendix C



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Merry Christmas dear parents!

Thank you for letting your child/ren participate in our Kids Assembly this month despite your busy schedule. We honor your patience and love for your kid/s.

This month as we approach the most awaited Christmas season, we prepare a short activity for your family, for us to be prepared spiritually as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorization Time - Spend some time with your kid/s memorizing this verse about God's unending love for us. That He gave His only begotten son to us here on earth.

" For God so love the world the He gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

Advent Wreath Craft– Make an Advent wreath craft with your kid/s. Personalize it and display it in your house during advent season. Doing this with your kids will make the message of advent be more meaningful and personal.

Please go to this link for reference

<https://www.pinterest.ph/pin/29836416271545416/>

Advent wreath prayer: (Pray this with your kid/s after the craft making)

Lord our God, we praise you our Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to take a picture of it and post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags –

#MFCKids

#ParentChildActivity

#MomentsThatMatter

Have a blessed Christmas celebration to your family!

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next year!

MFC Kids Team