

# Family Page



During this Advent season, there are many things your family can do to get ready for Jesus' birthday. You can begin by making an Advent wreath like the one on the front of this bulletin. Use three purple candles and one pink (or four white candles with pink and purple bows). Your wreath can be made of real pine or cedar branches or imitation ones. The frame is made from an old coat hanger shaped into a circle.

Each week of Advent, light another candle to burn throughout your prayer time. The family can write their own prayers or you can use the readings from the daily Mass.

By the last week, all four candles will be burning at once. The pink candle or bow is for the third week of Advent, to show your happiness that Christmas is so near. The light of the candles, burning brightly while you pray, reminds you that Jesus is the Light of the World.



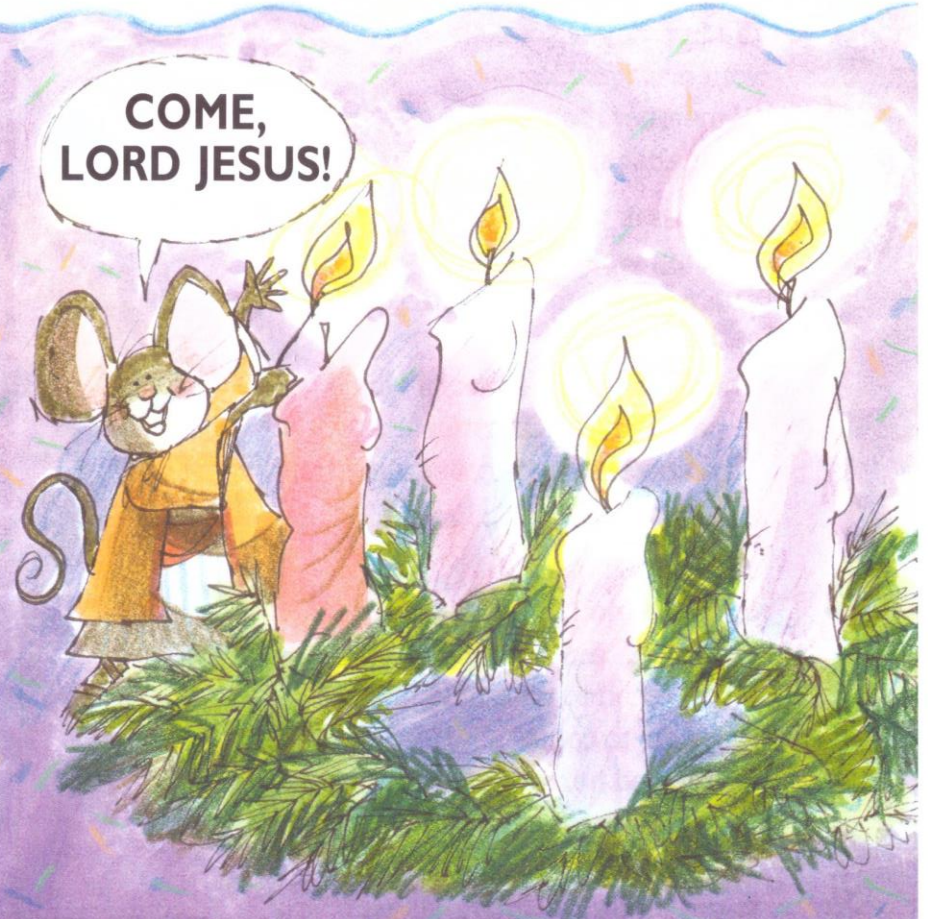
Answer to  
Prayer for Patience:  
FATHER I AM WAITING TO CELEBRATE  
THE BIRTHDAY OF YOUR SON. HELP  
ME TO GET READY.

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# explaining GOD'S WORD

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The Advent wreath is used during this time of the year to remind you that people waited a long, long time for Jesus to come. If you do not have an Advent wreath in your home, this week's FAMILY PAGE will give you and your family suggestions on how to make one.

# It's So Hard to WAIT!

Don't you just hate to wait?  
Think of all the special things  
that you have waited for this year:  
your summer vacation,  
the first day of school,  
your class picnic.  
Remember how much fun you had  
when that special day arrived?

This week you will begin  
the long wait for Christmas.  
The whole world is waiting  
for Christmas to come.  
The Church has a special way  
to get ready for Christmas.  
This special way is called Advent.  
Remember the story of the angel  
who came to ask Mary  
to be the mother of Jesus?  
Mary said YES right away.  
But she had to wait nine months  
for Jesus to come.  
Mary used her waiting time  
to get ready for her special baby.  
The Church uses Advent  
to get ready for Christmas —  
the birthday of Mary's special Son.



# Prayer for Patience

Using the key below, can you decode this little prayer for patience?



P Z M L R Q J Z B  
G Z J M J Y N M W  
V R D R X Q Z M R M L R  
X J Q M L T Z C W P C W K Q  
O W Y L R D U  
B R M W N R M Q R Z T C

HERE'S THE KEY.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
Z M Y L X K W J V I U H T  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
G S F R E Q D P C O B N A