



ADVENT

THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent wreaths are made from evergreen branches arranged in a circle. Every Advent Wreath has four candles. A new candle is lit at Mass each Sunday of Advent, until all candles are lighting on the Fourth Sunday. Some Advent Wreaths have a fifth candle which is lit on Christmas Eve, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Sometimes Advent is known as a "little Lent", which is why the colour purple is worn by the priests when celebrating Mass. During Lent, we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Similarly, during Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, both at Christmas and we await his second coming.

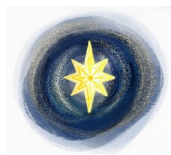
Each of the candles represents Hope, Peace, Joy, and Faith.

Visit your local parish church and take a look at the Advent Wreath. Colour the wreath and candles opposite



Advent Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus,
is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that
love during the weeks
of Advent,
As we wait and
prepare for his coming.
We pray this in
the name of Jesus,
our Saviour.
Amen



Come, Lord Jesus
Come!



ADVENT QUIZ

How many candles are on the Advent Wreath in your local church?

How many weeks are in the Season of Advent?

What are the colours of the candles, and when are they lit?

Week 1 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 3 _____

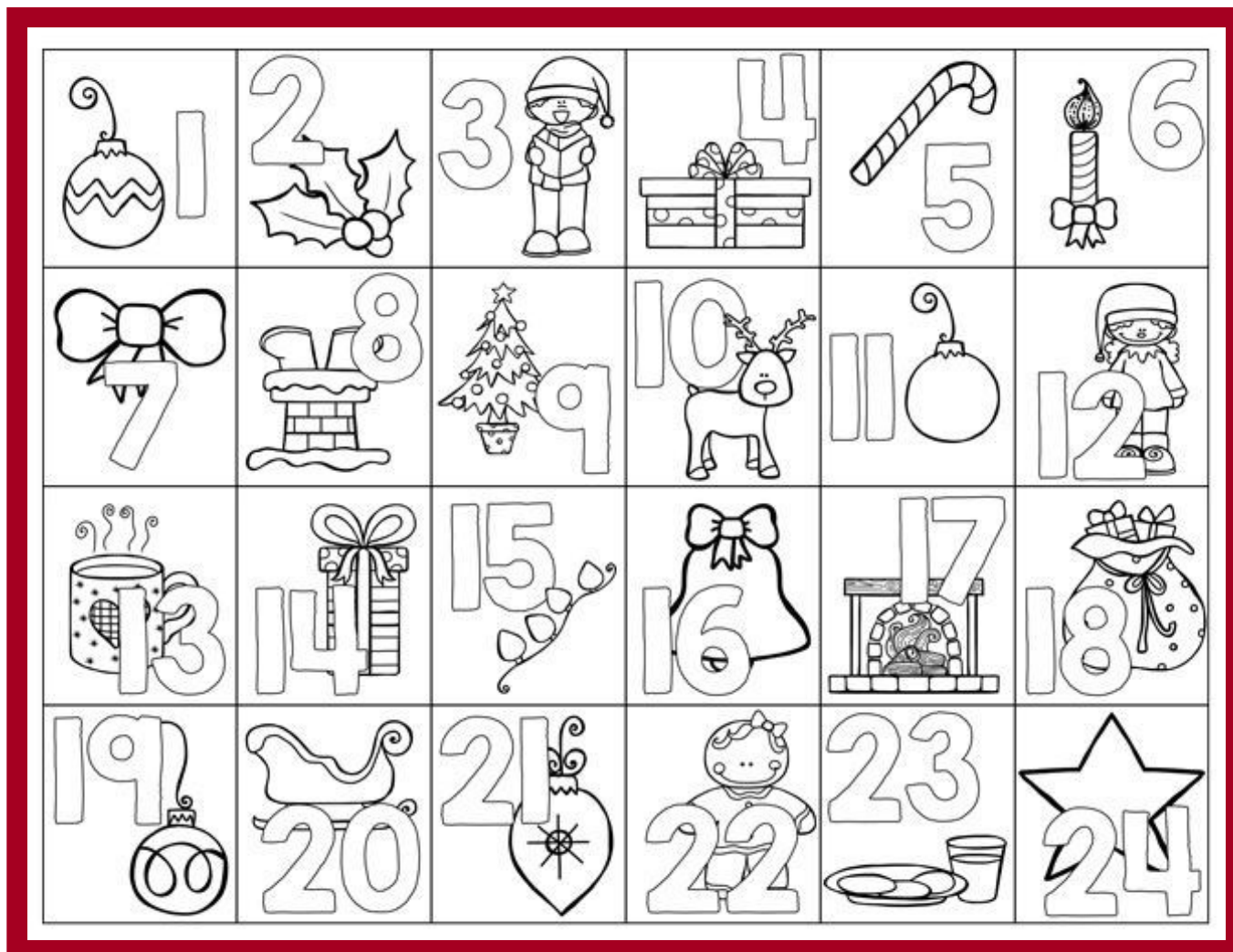
Week 4 _____

Christmas Day _____

Can you name Jesus's cousin? Where did he live, and what did he have to eat?

What was the name of the angel who appeared to Mary and told her she would give birth to a son?

ADVENT CALENDAR 2023



For each day of Advent, colour in the corresponding square and image. You will complete your Advent Calendar on Christmas Eve in time for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.



Colour in, and cut out the two baubles before hanging them on your family Christmas Tree. The Advent Wreath reminds us of the need to 'wait' as people did long ago for the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas night. The Nativity scene reminds us of our joy and celebration at the birth of Jesus.