

Family Advent Liturgy 2017



Second Sunday in Advent

Candle: The second blue or purple candle is the Candle of the Way

Sing: [“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”](#)

Reader: This is the second Sunday in Advent. Do you remember why we are taking time to be together in this circle around our Advent wreath?

Child: (Relight first blue/purple candle) Last Sunday we lit the first candle, to remember that Advent is a time of preparing and hope. During these days we are getting our hearts ready for the coming again of Jesus, and we also celebrate His birth.

Reader: This Sunday we are remembering that Jesus came to earth to show us the way to God.

Reader: Our family knows that our hope is in Jesus. We know love came on the first Christmas. God came to us in Jesus and wants to show us the way.

Child: (Light the second blue/purple candle) I light this candle on the second Sunday in Advent to remind us that Jesus came to earth to show us God's way.

Read Scripture: Mark 1: 1-8 (ERV)

John Prepares the Way for Jesus

1 The Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, begins **2** with what the prophet Isaiah said would happen. He wrote: “Listen! I will send my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare the way for you.”

3 “There is someone shouting in the desert:
‘Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make the road straight for him.’”

4 So John the Baptizer came and was baptizing people in the desert area. He told them to be baptized to show that they wanted to change their lives, and then their sins would be forgiven. **5** All the people from Judea, including everyone from Jerusalem, came out to John. They confessed the bad things they had done, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

6 John wore clothes made from camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

7 This is what John told the people: “There is someone coming later who is able to do more than I can. I am not good enough to be the slave who stoops down to untie his sandals.

8 I baptize you with water, but the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Read Scripture the first time, then ask:
What word or sentence stands out to you?
(allow responses)

Read Scripture a second time, then ask:
What do you hear Jesus/God saying to you in this story? (allow responses)

Read Scripture a third time, then ask:
What do you think the Holy Spirit is asking you/us to do in this story? (allow responses)

Prayer time: Ask God to help us follow Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ask for help in knowing God's path and direction and growing closer to Jesus.