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Hi all, Today is about Advent



The Story

This video explains in 1 minute what advent is (ctrl click or copy in your browser)

[Advent explained in 60 Seconds 1 - Bing video](#)

alternatively, just google: advent explained in 60 seconds 1 by Humberto Martins



Just in case...

Today's story:

Advent is a Latin word that actually means "coming." In the Christian church, advent is time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas. Many Christians have an advent wreath with 4 candles. Each candle on the Advent Wreath has a specific meaning:

- Candle one represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.
- Candle two represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.
- Candle three represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle.
- Candle four represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.





Getting Crafty

Simple Advent Calendar

Advent is waiting for Jesus. Make an advent calendar

You will need: a branch (you might find one outside) or an old coat hanger, 25 pieces of string (different lengths), (Christmas) wrapping paper /tissue paper or pages of an old magazine, 25 individually wrapped sweets or novelty toys

- Wrap each sweet in wrapping/tissue paper or magazine page.
- Wrap string around the parcel
- Tie each parcel to the branch coat hanger
- You can number the parcels with sharpie or simply let people choose a parcel each day
- This activity is great to do as a whole family. You can make it for yourselves or leave it at someone's doorsteps, maybe someone you know is lonely and need cheering up



Advent wreath

Here is a simple way to make an advent wreath

You will need: Cardboard circles or paper plates, green paint, 4 empty toilet rolls, (coloured) paper or yellow tissue paper, green (and possibly red/purple/pink) paint

- Take a paper plate or a circle cut out of white cardboard and paint it green. Let it dry, then cut the edges lengthwise ca 2 inches deep and 1 inch apart.
- Cover toilet rolls in glue and wrap coloured paper around (traditional colours are either red or purple and pink). Alternatively you can paint the toilet rolls
- Draw 4 flames on red or yellow coloured paper or colour in white paper,
- Cut out the flames and glue them inside the toilet rolls. You can use tissue paper instead of (coloured) paper. In this case you will only need to crunch the tissue paper and glue inside toilet rolls. Glue "candles" onto green circle/paper plate





Fun and Games

Note: these games are not suitable, when one family member is ill

Preparing the manger

Advent is preparing for the birth of Jesus. You can prepare his manger

You will need: a box of any size, some strips of paper

- Put a box in your living room and some strips of paper next to it. You might want to decorate the box
- Every time you do something kind put a strip of paper in the manger. This is the straw for baby Jesus. You might like to write your kindness on the strip of paper
- On Christmas day count the strips of “straw”



Reverse Advent Calendar

In advent we think of the poor

- Find a shoebox or similar. Again, you might like to decorate it
- As a family put an item of non-perishable food into the box each day
- Donate the content to a foodbank the day before or just after Christmas (for instance at Sainsbury’s or call the church)



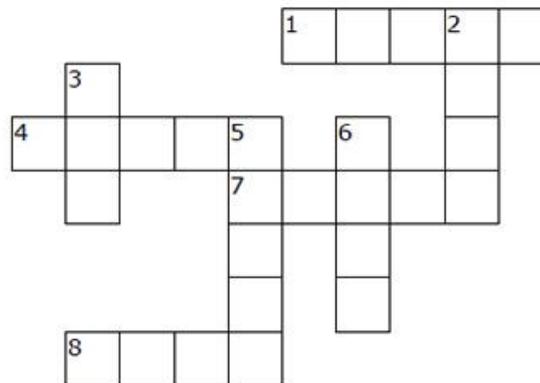


Puzzle it out

Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:42-44



ACROSS

1. The time of day when it is dark
4. To keep an eye on; to guard
7. The person who has something such as property
8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

2. A period of sixty minutes
3. A period of 24 hours
5. The place where a person or family lives
6. To have information about something; to be aware of something

TIME	OWNER	WATCH	HOUR
KNOW	HOUSE	DAY	NIGHT

Advent

Use the code to Find the Advent message.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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