



Sunday 29th November – The First Sunday in Advent

Read: Mark 13:24-37

Today is the first Sunday in Advent which means there are only 4 Sundays left until Christmas! Advent is a very special time in Church – it is a time to count down to the celebrations of Christmas, a chance to get prepared, and a chance to learn more together. It can be very easy to get swept up in presents and decorations – both of which play an important part in Christmas, but we need to remember why we celebrate in the first place. Take time over Advent to learn more about the Christmas story and be prepared to celebrate! Our reading today talks about time – no one knows when Jesus will return, but we do know when Advent is, be sure to use this time wisely.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCOFGQLBp7w> (Busted halo)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y_sElib8YA (Whirl Kids)

What is Advent? How long does it last? What happens during Advent? Why did the Whirl Kids want Advent to go faster? Was it a good idea to rush through Advent?

Do:

Make an Advent Calendar - <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2016/12/03/christmas-nativity-calander/>

Colouring Wreath - <http://www.freefunchristmas.com/christmas-coloring-pages/advent-wreath-coloring-page/>

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/waiting_place_wordsearch.htm?fromSermonId=468

Pray:

Heavenly Father, through this season of Advent, we prepare for our Christmas celebrations of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ.

In all the bust times help us to see the importance of your love for us. Show us new ways to share the message of your love for all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus, whose coming we eagerly await. Amen. (taken from Praying Together)

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

Advent allows us to take time to prepare for Christmas – take 5 minutes each day to read part of the Christmas Story. Share what you learn with others.