



*Kia inu kau ahau,  
If I could just drink*  
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# Exploring the Gospel

A Religious Education Resource for Parishes

**Today we are going to be talking about  
Advent a time to be ready.  
Let's, listen and hear the story Jesus tells his followers.**

***A reading from the gospel according to Luke.....adapted for children***

**Jesus said to his disciples,  
“When you see the signs in the  
Sun and moon and Stars,  
You will know that the time,  
has come for the Son of God to return.  
Do not be afraid when all,  
these things happen,  
but be filled with joy to see,  
the power and glory of God.  
Stay awake and be ready,  
because only my heavenly Father  
knows when this day will come.”**

## Unpacking the Gospel

- **what is Advent?**

a time of preparation / getting ready  
everyone is getting ready to celebrate the  
birthday of Jesus.

- **how do we get ready- what should we do?**

Look at our lives-are we living the way Jesus wants us to?

- **how does Jesus want us to live?**

Jesus came to share his love, peace, forgiveness and  
mercy with everyone.

Like Jesus, we should share our gifts with people we  
meet every day.

### Message..

When we show love, kindness. Joy etc with others,  
we are showing that Jesus is living within us.  
and by these small acts of goodness, we will be  
ready to fully enjoy the celebrations which take  
place at Christmas and at the end of time



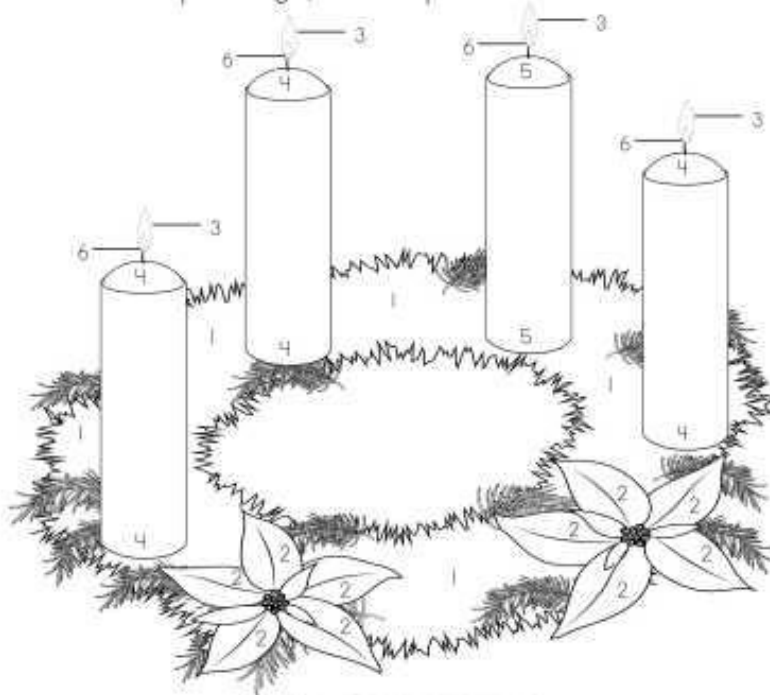
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# The Advent Wreath

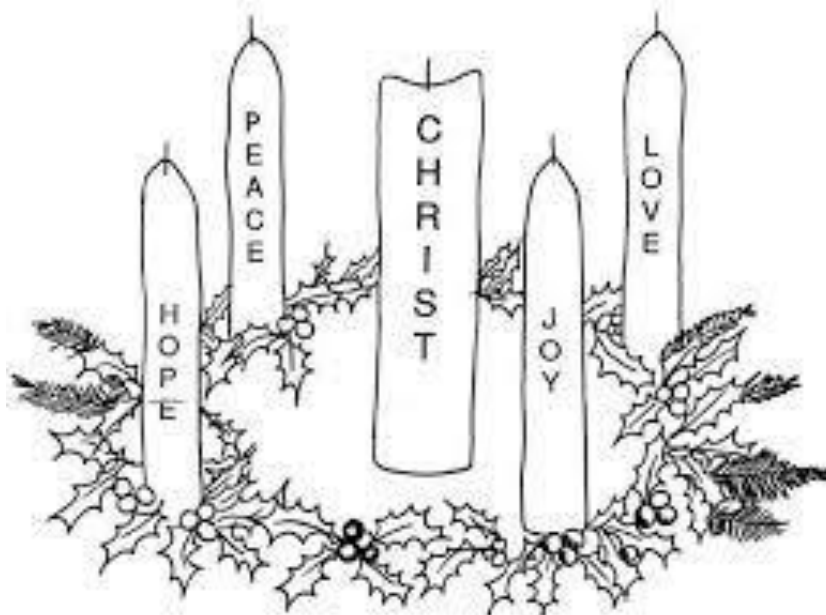
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| 1 - green  | 2 - red  | 3 - yellow |
| 4 - purple | 5 - pink | 6 - orange |

Using the color black, write the name of the Sunday  
(love, peace, joy, and hope) on each candle.

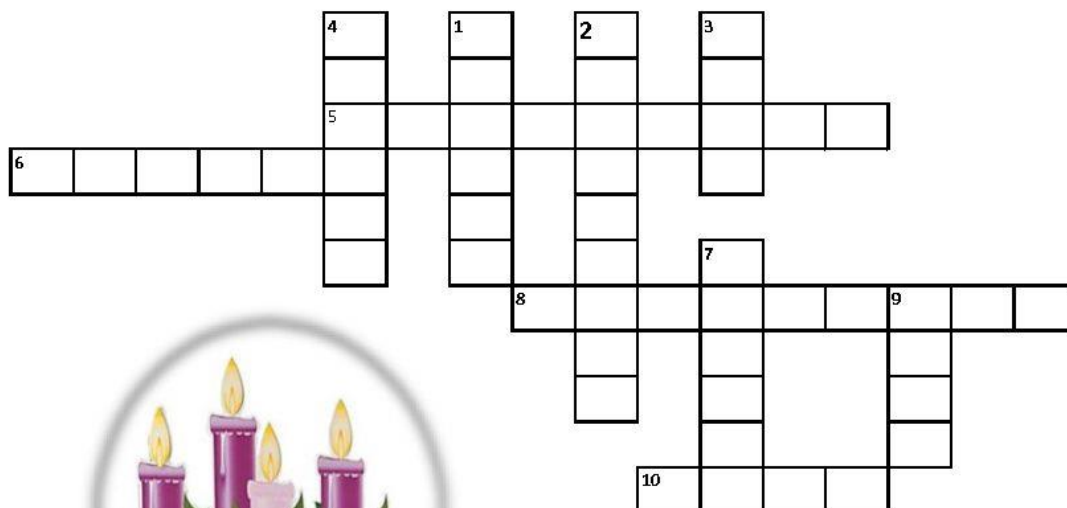


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## ADVENT CROSSWORD PUZZLES

### Primary/Junior



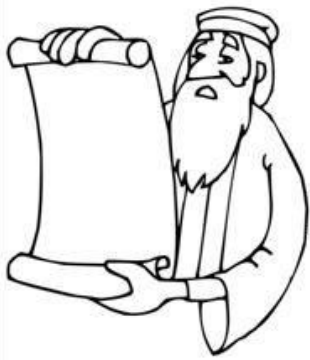
#### DOWN

- 1 4 week preparation for Christmas
- 2 Town where Jesus was born
- 3 Number of Sundays in Advent
- 4 Foster father of Jesus
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ night, Holy night
- 9 Mother of Jesus

#### ACROSS

- 5 Looked after the sheep
- 6 Liturgical colour for Advent
- 8 Feast of Jesus' birthday
- 10 It appeared in the east

# The Advent



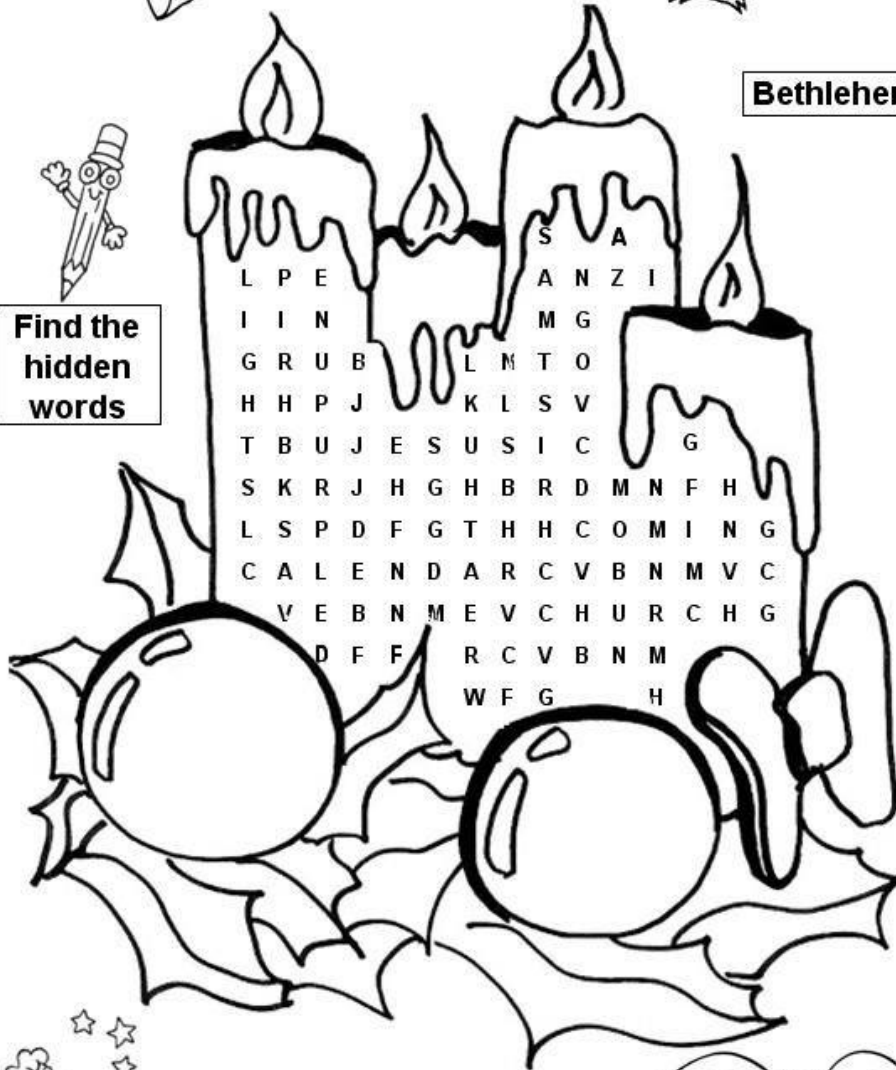
Prophecy Candle



Bethlehem Candle



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Shepherds Candle



Angels Candle