

1st Sunday of Advent

1. Welcome and Alleluia (See page v.)

2. Gospel:

3. Dialogue Homily

- From now till Christmas is a very special time. (*Hold up a card with the word Advent and have the children repeat it.*)
- It is a getting-ready time for Jesus' birthday which we call Christmas. (*Have them say the word Christmas.*)
- Some people make Advent wreaths. (*Show the handout and comment on the wreath in church.*)
- The four candles remind us of the four weeks of Advent or the four weeks before Christmas. Each week we light another candle until all four candles are lit.
- During these four weeks there are many things we can do to get our hearts, homes, and schools ready for Jesus' birthday. Let's see what you and I can do to get our hearts ready. (*Pray, be kind to others, be helpful, forgive, tell the truth, share, etc.*)
- (*Discuss, too, what cities, towns, schools and homes do to prepare for Christmas.*)
- Every year we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, Dec. 25. (*Show the Christmas handout or the nativity picture in the Children's Bible.*) Jesus was born in the town called Bethlehem. His mother was Mary. St. Joseph took care of Jesus and Mary.
- But today we heard Jesus will come again. Listen carefully at Mass today and you will hear Father (*Name*) say or sing, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."
- Jesus loves us so much. He will come again. We don't know when but it will be wonderful. Even the stars, the moon and the sun will show signs.

4. Intercessions

Let us pray:

- That we get ready for Jesus' birthday, we pray
- For our family, we pray

Sing: (To the tune of Jingle Bells)

Advent time, Advent time,
It's Advent, everyone.
It's the getting-ready time
To welcome God's own Son.

5. Activity

Color the branches of the Advent wreath green. The flame reminds us of Jesus who called himself the Light of the world. Let the children cut the door at home with their parents' help.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (21:25-28, 34-36)

Glory to you, Lord!

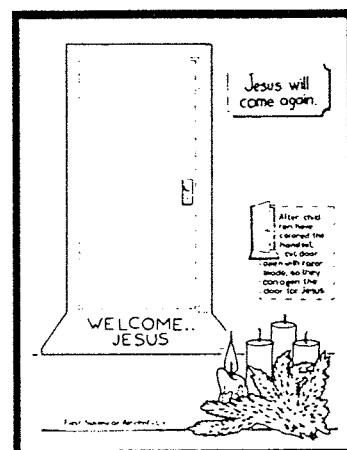
Jesus will come again. When he comes again it will be with power and great glory.

People will see signs even in the moon, in the stars and in the sun. We don't have to be afraid. We can stand up straight, hold our heads high and be joyful because Jesus, who loves us so much, is coming again.

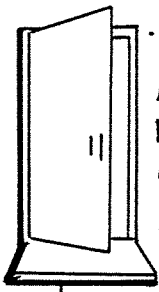
This is from the gospel of the Lord. (Adapted)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

(*You may want to kiss the bible as the priest does after he reads the gospel. It shows we love God's word.*)



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come again.



After children have colored the handout, cut door open with razor blade, so they can open the door for Jesus.

WELCOME..
JESUS

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