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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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# Grace Notes

December 3-4, 2022

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

### The King of Peace Is Coming

#### What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.



#### How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



**Parents:** Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.



**A branch will grow from a stump of a tree that was cut down. So a new king will come from the family of Jesse.  
Isaiah 11:1**

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<sup>4</sup> Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that we could have **hope**. That **hope** comes from the patience and encouragement that the Scriptures give us.

<sup>5</sup> Patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. <sup>6</sup> Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other. This will bring glory to God. <sup>8</sup> I tell you that Christ became a servant of the Jews. This was to show that God's promises to the Jewish ancestors are true. <sup>9</sup> And He also did this so that the non-Jews could give glory to God for the mercy He gives to them. It is written in the Scriptures: "So I will praise you among the non-Jewish people. I will sing praises to your name." [Psalm 18:49](#)

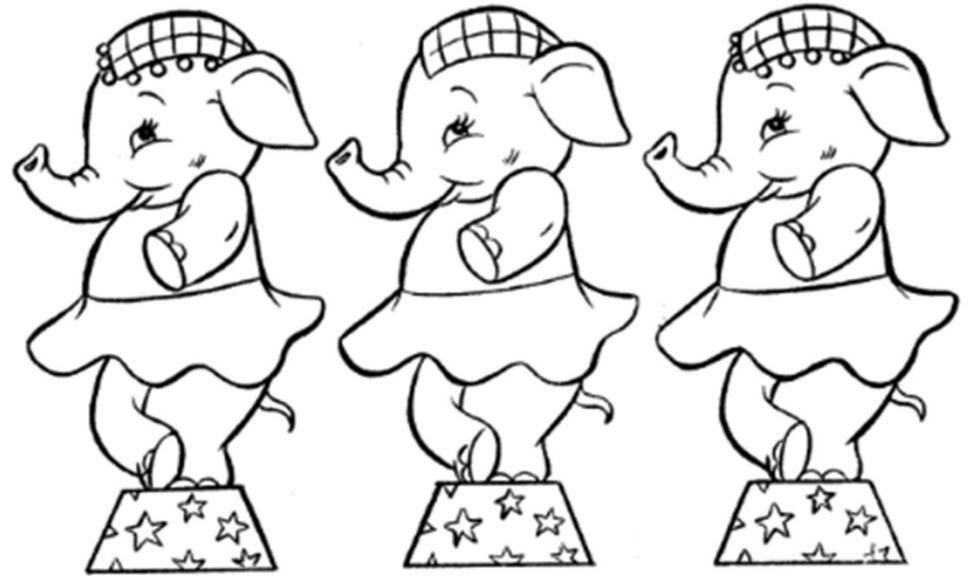
<sup>10</sup> The Scripture also says, "Be happy, you non-Jews, together with God's people." [Deuteronomy 32:43](#)

<sup>11</sup> Again the Scripture says, "All you non-Jews, praise the Lord. All you people, sing praises to Him." [Psalm 117:1](#)

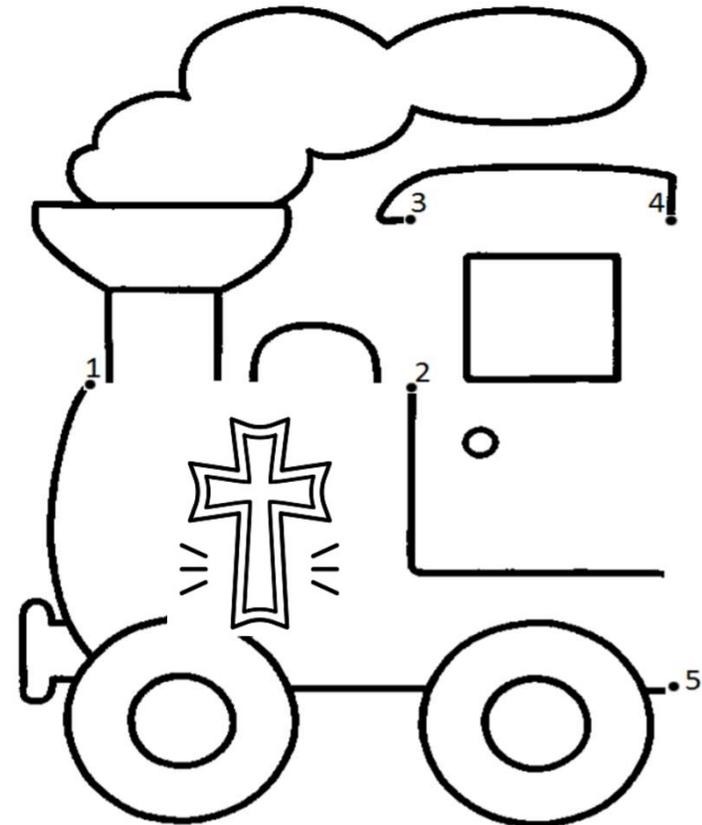
<sup>12</sup> And Isaiah says, "A new king will come from Jesse's family.<sup>(a)</sup> He will come to rule over the non-Jews; and the non-Jews will have **hope** because of Him." [Isaiah 11:10](#)

<sup>13</sup> I pray that the God who gives **hope** will fill you with much joy and **peace** while you trust in Him. Then your **hope** will overflow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

a) [15:12](#) **Jesse's family** Jesse was the father of David, king of Israel. Jesus was from their family. We are adopted into this family by the Grace of

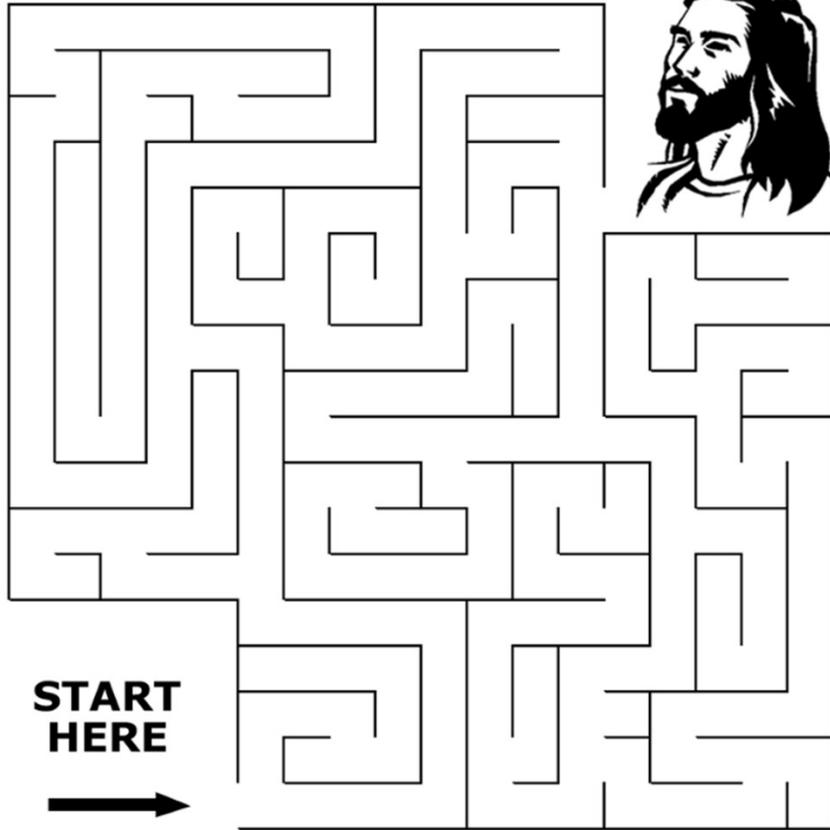


**FIND THE ONE THAT IS DIFFERENT.**



Connect the dots by following the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

<sup>13</sup> But God made a promise to us. And we are waiting for what he promised—a new heaven and a new earth where goodness lives. <sup>14</sup> Dear friends, we are waiting for this to happen. So try as hard as you can to be without sin and without fault. Try to be at **PEACE** with God.  
2 Peter 3:13-14



**START  
HERE**

Gentle God,  
Let the grace of this sacred season take hold of me.  
Help me to pay attention for glimpses of Your  
goodness. During these days and weeks of preparation  
for the coming of Your Son, Jesus, make me mindful of  
hope, peace, joy, and the wonder of your everlasting  
love. Amen.

## A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."

Mark 1:2 (NIV)

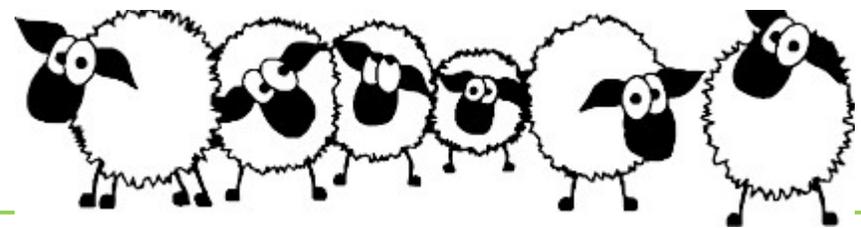
Based on Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



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# ADVENT



We're all like sheep who have wandered off and gotten lost.  
We have all done our own thing, gone our own way.  
And GOD has piled ALL our sins, everything we've done wrong,  
on Him, on Jesus.  
Isaiah 53:6



Jesus is coming.

He is born into this human world to save us from sin. (Isaiah 9:6)

Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God! (Luke 3:4-6)

There are 4 Sundays (weeks) that mark Advent. An Advent wreath helps us count the time until we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

Each Sunday, a new candle is lit. The first Sunday is the candle of **HOPE**. The second Sunday is the candle of **PEACE**.



Psalm 72:1-19

♡ PRAISE BE TO ♡

HIS GLORIOUS NAME FOREVER;

MAY THE WHOLE EARTH BE FILLED

WITH HIS GLORY.

AMEN AND AMEN.

