



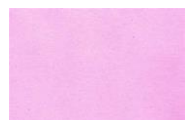
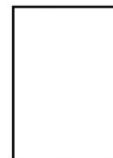
## ADVENT WREATH

**JESUS  
IS THE  
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### Instructions:

1. Cut leaves on different shades of green construction paper and fruits on red.
2. Cut cardboard into circles (6" diameter) and glue leaves and fruits starting from center.
3. Cut pink (1) and purple (3) paper into rectangles (4"x6"); glue or staple on small toilet paper rolls.
4. Cut paper towel roll to 6". Cover with White paper cut (6"x6"). Glue or staple.
5. Glue/staple signs 1,2,4 on purple cylinders; 3 on pink.
6. Glue/staple "Jesus is the Light of the World" on white cylinder towards the top.
7. Cut tissue paper in squares (4"x4").
8. Glue white cylinder in middle and others around it.
9. Crumple and fit tissue into #1, representing lighting the candle on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Have them do same each Sunday. The white candle is lit on Christmas day.





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### **SYMBOLISM**

The whole family can participate in the presentation of the Advent Wreath. The first time the family gathers, someone should explain the symbolism of the wreath.

#### **The Circular Shape**

The wreath is circular because a circle has no beginning or end. It reminds us that Jesus came so we could have eternal life with God in Heaven.

#### **Hojas de Acebo o Ramas de Pino**

These evergreen plants do not change color in the winter. This reminds us how God never changes. He has always loved us and always will love us.

#### **The Candles**

There are 4 small candles for the 4 Sundays in Advent. (3 purple and 1 pink) The preparation over 4 weeks reminds us of the long time that God's people waited for the coming of the Savior. The lit candles remind us that Jesus, the light of the world, lights the darkness that surrounds us. We light a candle each week showing that the more Jesus illuminates us the brighter our lives will be.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Dear God, please bless this Advent Wreath.  
We pray that it may help us prepare to welcome Jesus, your son, in our lives, allowing the light of His love to shine in us.

#### **First Week- (light a purple candle)**

Come to us, Lord Jesus. Fill our hearts with Your love. Help us to prepare for your coming. Help us to do the good works that we can do. Help us to see the good in others. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
(Silent prayer)

#### **Second Week- (light 2 purple candle)**

We believe in you, Lord Jesus. We know you can help us love each other more. You are our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (Silent prayer)

#### **Third Week-(light 2 purple & 1 pink candle)**

Jesus, we want your coming to make a difference in the way we live and love. Open our hearts so we may hear you say how we can bring peace and happiness to others. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
(Silent prayer)

#### **Fourth Week- (light 3 purple & 1 pink candle)**

Lord, calm the worries and anxieties in our heart. Give us Your peace. Thank you for sharing Your life with us. Help us to share Your life with others. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (Silent prayer)