

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019
3rd Grade

4:00pm Welcome (To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist** and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese) and Advent coloring page.

4:05pm **Chapters #14 “Christmas”**

Advent is the season of our preparation for Christ’s coming: past, present and future. In joyful expectation, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, his presence in our lives today, and his final coming at the end of time. The four weeks prepare us to rejoice in the Incarnation. At Christmas, the Church celebrates with joy the wondrous exchange by which “Man’s Creator has become man.” Next to the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ’s birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season!

- *We Believe* –

Christmas – we celebrate on December 25th that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem.

- *We Respond* –

Assemble Advent Wreaths (*RE will provide kits and sample*) – they can complete these at home if they don’t finish in class!

4:45pm Closing Prayer – John 1:14 or Mark 13:33

“And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

“Be watchful! Be alert!”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“In what way do you prepare for Christ’s coming?”

“How do you show the world what Jesus is all about in your words and actions?”

Each Advent Wreath craft contains:

- 7" Green felt circle affixed to 7" cardboard circle
- 6 purple foam squares
- 2 rose foam squares
- 4 candles
- 12 green felt leaves

Directions:

Have the children write their name and the year on the back of the cardboard!

Glue two squares of purple foam together.

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Glue two squares of rose foam together.

Glue the four sets of squares onto the green felt circle.

Glue one candle onto each of the four foam square sets.

Finally, glue 3 green leaves onto each of the four foam square sets, next to the candle



Distribute Advent wreath information sheet for the students to take home with their Advent wreaths.