

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #33

"STAY AWAKE!"

(1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent)



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## INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is the first day of the liturgical calendar of the Church, and marks the beginning of a very special time in the life of Christians – a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

## HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

## WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here today. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bringing us the gift of life and faith. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read **Matthew 24: 37-44**. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

Jesus was telling his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man. He says that the day will come suddenly, without anyone realizing, just like the flood of Noah's time. When that time comes, some will be taken, and some left behind.

Who is the Son of Man that Jesus is talking about?

Why did Jesus say that the coming of the Son of Man will be like the flood of Noah's time?

Why do you think some are taken while others are left behind?

The Jesus said, "Stay awake, because you do not know when your master is coming. If the house owner knew when a burglar would come, he would surely stay awake to catch him. That is why, you must always be ready because the Son of Man is coming at a time you do not expect."

What is Jesus asking us to stay awake for?

If you knew that the Son of Man was coming today, what would you do?

In the reading, Jesus tells us to always be ready to welcome the Son of Man. He reminds us that our Master could come at any time, therefore, we should not delay in preparing ourselves for his coming. Today, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us prepare for the coming of our Lord and Master, so that we may always be ready to greet Him and our hearts would always be pleasing to Him.

### Say together as a family:

"Lord Jesus, you came down from heaven that we might have life in your name. You ask us to believe and to put our hope in you. We know that you love us and watch over us always. May we continue to grow in our faith and follow you, especially in times of trouble."

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## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Gospel passage and the season of Advent. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the Words.

# Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 36-44



W S O N Q R C B W A T C H W V  
L Z K H E X P E C T S E U O D  
N L V Q F E R G J L E M T V U  
F M V E M A K N I C G A H R W  
Y D H O U S E H Y K M J I W Z  
Z F C N O V W G O O W N E R U  
X Q R P A N A C T U H J F L V  
U Z L E J O G Y M Y R L R H Q  
A I H M B E L H K C E W P S R  
N M O X I K N O W X J J F R E  
G Z X R E A D Y Y T T F C M V  
E B V F C P D I H P W O I T L  
L C U Q H E Q G W P T T Z E B  
S G W Q S Q I C D T Z W M Z R  
S I L N T N S D D A Y J B Q B

KNOW	SON	EXPECT	HEAVEN	HOOR
ANGELS	HOUSE	WATCH	TIME	THIEF
OWNER	READY	COME	NIGHT	DAY

Activity #2: Break the Code

# Ready for His Return



So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	H	R	E	I	V	J	F	M	X	Y	G	C	B	S	N	A	Q	K	T	P	W	Z	U	L	D

- 2-4-17-6-4-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-10-21-4-13-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-2-5-4-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-1-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-16-12-4-25-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-1-24-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-4-17-26-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 22-17-20-13-2 \_\_\_\_\_

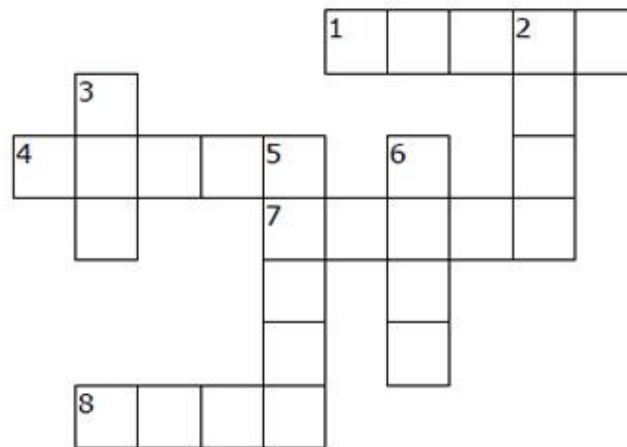
HEAVEN	WATCH	READY	COME
EXPECT	ANGELS	HOURL	THIEF

### Activity #3: Solve the Puzzle

## Be Prepared

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.  
Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:42-44



#### ACROSS

1. The time of day when it is dark
4. To keep an eye on; to guard
7. The person who has something such as property
8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

#### DOWN

2. A period of sixty minutes
3. A period of 24 hours
5. The place where a person or family lives
6. To have information about something; to be aware of something

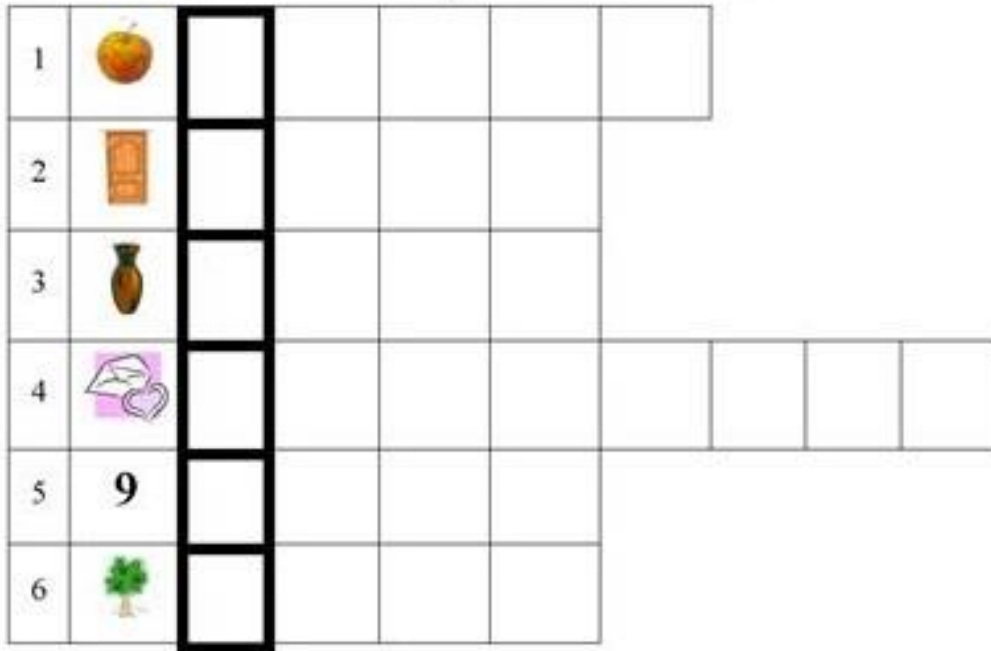
TIME	OWNER	WATCH	HOUR
KNOW	HOUSE	DAY	NIGHT

Activity #4: Spot the Differences



### Activity #5: Solve the Puzzle

Write the name of the objects in the crossword.



The letters in the first boxes will tell you the name of the tradition below:

\_\_\_\_\_ wreath



Activity #6: Find the Words

# Advent Wreath

Q J A P T F N T N E V D A E E K J  
Z H T H J X E U U C W Z M I Q M F  
S W G B S U P L D W H M H M G R G  
D I V K N U A T D N A R H O C C L  
L U E B E O W Z R N O Z I Q P R P  
C I Z K E L D F U E A O P S E E B  
H M I F R D Q E A P S C D E T E N  
R Z Y V G D L S O N G H A I A S I  
I C W M R B E T H L E H E M D V C  
S R Y M E O E L E S U S E J N R E  
T O A E V N S E R A P E R P E C L  
M I D S E F S N A S A A J O E X E  
A V N S W R E A T H N V V U R S B  
S A U I B O J V G G N Z N T G O R  
V S S A W V K E E D V Z A Z B L A  
F V X H R K C L C I Y L P G O D T  
I H M T B Y U V K G U L F H O Z E

emmanuel	jesse	bethlehem	angel	light
hope	green	evergreens	god	candle
wreath	sunday	celebrate	savior	christ
christmas	messiah	isaiah	prepare	jesus
advent				



### Activity #7: Unscramble the Message.

Unscramble the words in the boxes. Complete the sentence below using the letters in the numbered boxes to find out what Jesus told his disciples.

HONA

19	16	3	21

ODOLF

25		20	24	15

EIFLSD

	28	7		22	1

GRRLABU

8	10		29		5	

EDAYR

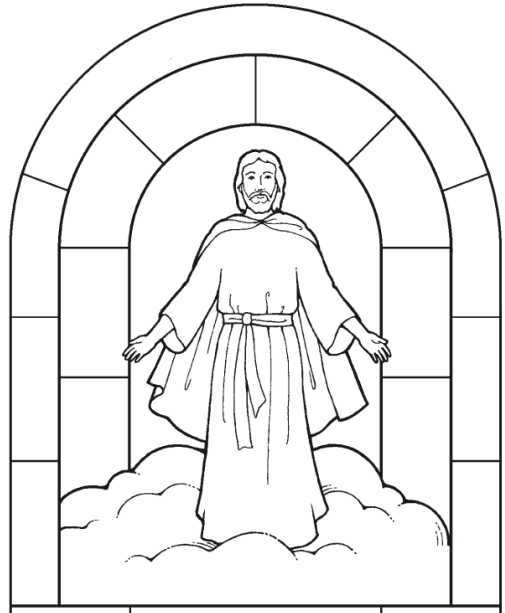
	12	6		4

HUOR

23	13	14	

ESLOLITMN

26	27			11	2	18	17	9	



1	2	3	4

	W		K		,
5	6	7			

		C				
8	9	5	10	11	12	

4	13	14

15	16

17	18	2

K			W
19	20		

2	21	7

22	5	4

W			
23	9	17	

2	23	7

11	24	17

13	25

26	5	17

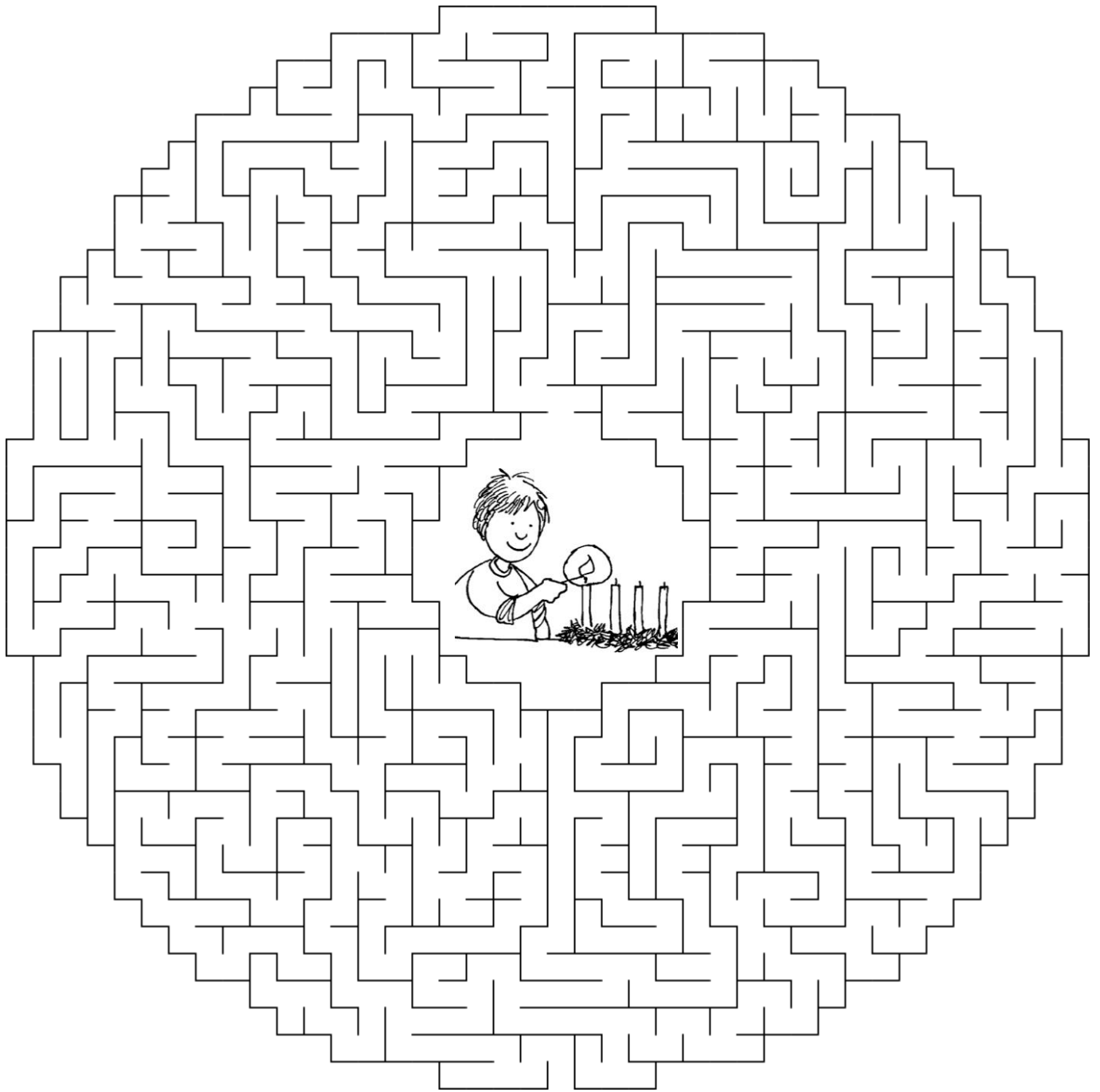
27	1

C					.
20	26	28	17	29	



BURGLAR	FIELDS	FLOOD
HOUR	MILLSTONE	NOAH
	READY	

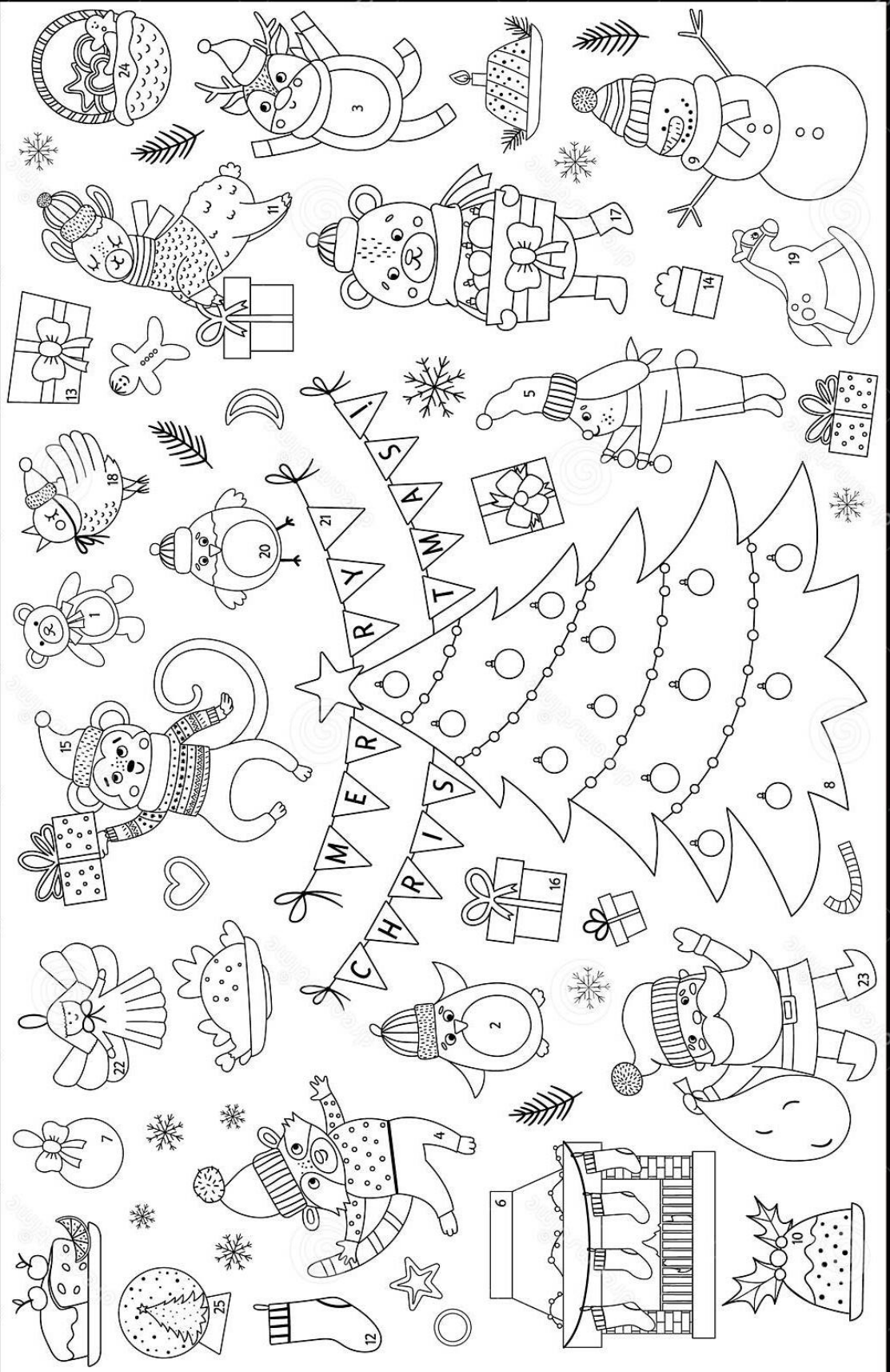
**Activity #8: Help the child complete the Advent journey.**



## Activity #9: Waiting for Christmas – the Advent Calendar

For each day of Advent, colour one of the pictures according to the number.

CHRISTMAS COLORING PAGE: FIND OBJECT WITH EACH DAY OF THE ADVENT & COLOR



## Activity #10: Colouring Page

While He lived on earth, Jesus promised His disciples that He would come again.  
Color the image of **Jesus's Second Coming**.



Joseph Smith—Matthew 1