



Advent is a special season to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We do this by praying and sharing with others. We also look for ways

to be kind, thankful, and forgiving. The activities in this book will help you with each of these things. Watch for pages that tell you to complete the picture of the heart on the back of the booklet.



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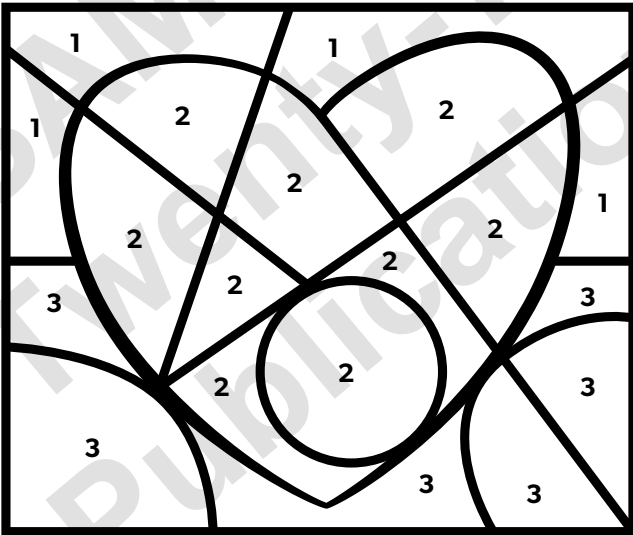
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Advent begins

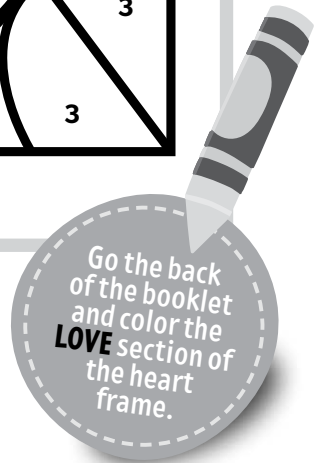
Today is the first Sunday in Advent. The word **Advent** means “coming.” During this special time we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. What do you look forward to as you prepare your heart for Jesus?

Use the color key to find the hidden picture.



1=BLUE * **2**=RED * **3**=GREEN

Jesus, help me to show my love for you by sharing and caring for others this Advent.



We wait for Jesus' coming

During Advent we wait for Jesus' coming by praying, seeking forgiveness, and working for peace. Each day we think of something we can do or say to show our love for others.

Match the things you can do to prepare your heart during Advent with the words that match them.

THINGS I
CAN DO

WORDS I
CAN SAY

CARE

I'm sorry

FORGIVE

Would you
like to play
with me?

SHARE

How can I
help you?



Jesus, make this Advent a special time to prepare my heart for your coming at Christmas.

The Advent wreath

During Advent we count the weeks until Christmas. The candles of the Advent wreath remind us to wait for Jesus and to prepare a place for him in our hearts. We light a new candle on each of the four Sundays of Advent. Their bright flames bring light to our lives and hope into our world.

Use the chart to color the Advent wreath.

PURPLE	PINK	GREEN
three candles	one candle	wreath



Jesus, come into my heart this Advent.

Advent is a time to prepare

During Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
One way to prepare is by putting things in order.

Put the story of Jesus' coming in order
by numbering the lines.

- Joseph and Mary
travel to Bethlehem.**
- An angel appears to
the shepherds to tell
them of Jesus' birth.**
- Jesus is born.**
- The shepherds visit Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph.**
- An angel tells Mary she is
to be the mother of Jesus.**



Jesus, show me how to prepare
my heart for your coming.