

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

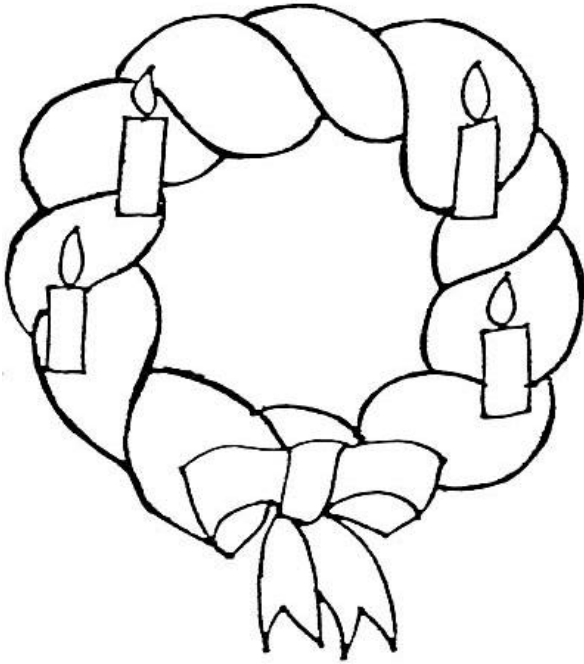
“The Saviour is coming. Wait and watch.”

THE CANDLE

Candles are a sign of our faith in Jesus. They are also a symbol of Jesus’ presence in the darkness of the world.

THE STAR

The magi saw the star in the east. They needed faith to follow the star.



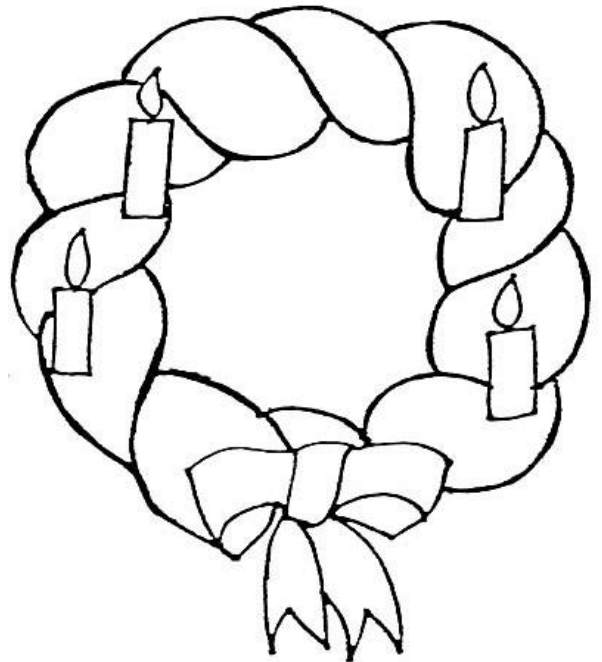
How can you be a star for others, to help them find their way to Jesus?

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

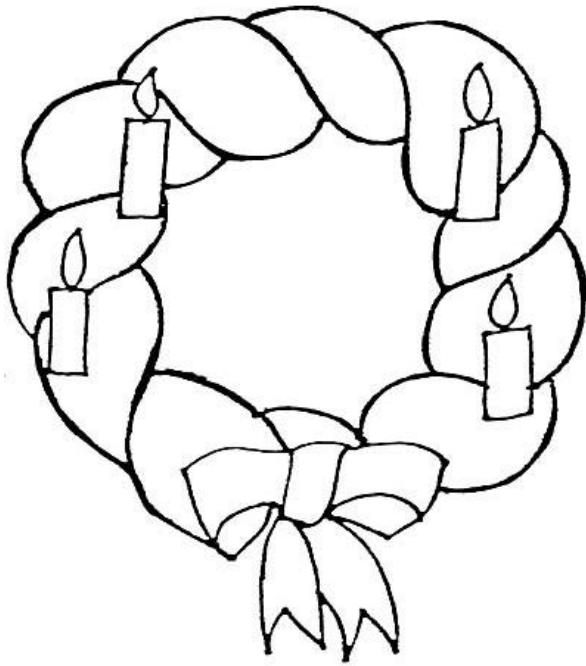
“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is made of evergreen boughs in the shape of a circle. It is a symbol of eternal hope..



How can we prepare for the Lord’s coming into our hearts?



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

“Someone is coming who is much greater than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA

A Mexican legend tells the story of a poor girl who had no gifts for baby Jesus. An angel appeared and told her to bring some weeds that grew nearby. She picked some and began to walk to the manger scene. As she did, the green weeds turned into the bright red flowers of a poinsettia plant. This story shows that the gift is not as important as the love with which it is given.

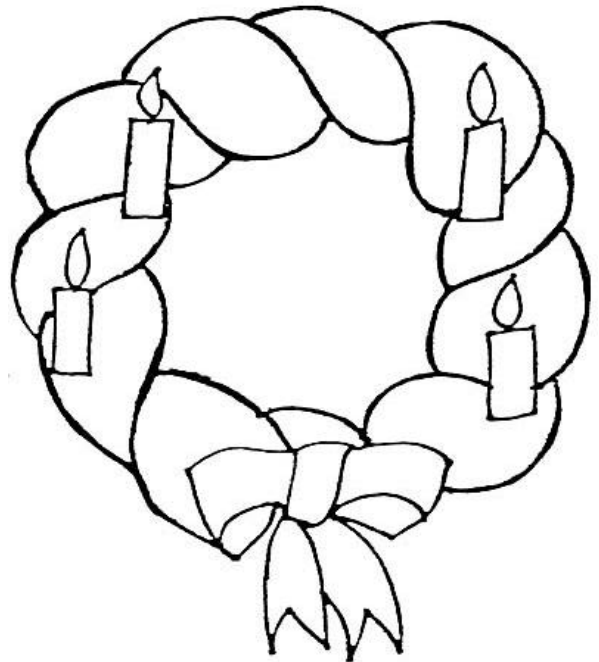
Every day from now until Christmas, fill Jesus' manger with the “straw” of good deeds!

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

“Blessed are you for you believed that what the Lord told you would come true.”

KRISTKINDL

This custom helps us prepare for the coming of Jesus by seeing him in one another. Each member of a family puts their name in a container, then draws the name of another person. Several times during Advent each person does something special (a prayer, an act of kindness) for their Kristkindl without letting the other person know who did it for them. At the end of Advent, everyone tells their Kristkindl who they are.



Martin the Cobbler “saw Jesus in others” Tell about one of those people and Martin's act of kindness.