

St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022
Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 Lessons
A Family of Faith: The Profession of Faith

December – Hybrid Lesson Plans
 (On Site and At Home)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Wed, 12/1/2021 Sun, 12/5/2021	Class only for children	Lesson 5 in December Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books In December, we will have no Family Faith Gathering. Children from all grades should be dropped off in their classrooms for a full 75-minute class. On Wed, 12/1/2021, parents are encouraged to join the 6pm Advent parish Mass in the Chapel after dropping children in the classroom.
Sat, 12/11/2021	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service and First Reconciliation	9:30am in the Church. Your family is invited to celebrate Reconciliation this Advent season. Please join us!
Throughout month	If you have time, review chapter at home	Review Lesson 5 with your child(ren)
Throughout month	Parent video and reading	Parents are invited to view the parent video for December at: https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471 (Note: this will be posted on the first of the month) and read the background to the chapter on pages 249-250 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
By 12/31/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: https://forms.gle/Y5m853PuEpWr1v7D6 .
<i>For December, no Family Mass this month</i>		

Prayers to Memorize throughout the Year: Sign of the Cross, the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel, Blessing Before a Meal, Act of Contrition, Apostles’ Creed.

Key Ideas for the Month

Key Ideas of our December Lesson:

- Lesson 5:
 - The Annunciation was God’s announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God.
 - Mary’s “yes” to God “undid” the sin of Eve.
 - God preserved Mary from Original Sin from the moment of her conception.
 - God Himself entered into human history by sending His only beloved Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to become Human.
- To work on all month:
 - Scripture verse of the month, saint of the month, Apostles’ Creed memorization, Words to Know for the month, and Car Conversations.



Onsite Classroom - Lesson 5

Catechists and Children, complete in class:

- Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5: Goal is to communicate the lesson’s Key Ideas using age-appropriate activities.
 - Parents will drop off and pick up children in the classrooms.
1. **Meaning of Advent** (10 min): Share the meaning of Advent. We will bring an iPad and TV to your classroom so you can show a short Advent video. In discussing the video, lead children through completing the supplied “Meaning of Advent” worksheet. Worksheet answers are at the end of this file. The video can be previewed at: <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/videos/advent/advent-meaning/>.
 - Times for your video in your classrooms:
 - Grades 4 and 5: The video will be set up for the start of classes. Please watch the video before 9:15am on Sunday and 6:15am on Wednesday.
 - Grades 1 and 3: The video will be set up for you while you are at Prayer Time with Therese. You can watch the video when you return to your classroom. Please watch this before 9:45am on Sunday and 6:45pm on Wednesday.
 - Key ideas to communicate to the children:
 - The word “advent” in Latin means “coming.”
 - There are four weeks in Advent.
 - Advent helps us get ready for when Jesus comes again.
 - We celebrate two comings of Jesus during Advent: the first coming of Jesus is at Christmas when the baby Jesus is born; and the second coming of Jesus will be Him coming back at the end of the world.
 2. **Activity 1: My Advent Planner** (20 min): Help the children fill out the Advent Planner on pages 65-72 of their activity books. (See the sample at the end of this file.)
 - Help the children add calendar months and dates to each page, beginning on page 65, with November 28.

- Add saint feast days, holy days, liturgical days:
 - Nov. 28: First Sunday of Advent
 - Nov. 30: St. Andrew
 - Dec. 4: St. Barbara
 - Dec. 5: Second Sunday of Advent
 - Dec. 6: St. Nicholas
 - Dec. 7: St. Ambrose
 - Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation to attend Mass) – The parish will have Mass this evening at 6 pm.
 - Dec. 9: St. Juan Diego
 - Dec. 10: Our Lady of Loretto
 - Dec. 11: Our Lady, Queen of Angels
 - Dec. 12: Third Sunday of Advent and Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - Dec. 13: St. Lucy
 - Dec. 14: St. John of the Cross
 - Dec. 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 - Dec. 21: St. Thomas
 - Dec. 25: Christmas (or the Nativity of the Lord)
 - Any birthdays of the children in your class during these days? Other days the children want to mark?
 - Have the children complete the following daily activities on the planner:
 - November 28. Read John 1:19-23 from page 91 in the *Parent Guide*. Answer: John the Baptist. [**Activity 6 December Gospel Coloring Pages – First Part**]
 - December 1 activity of “drawing a picture that shows something you believe God has in store for you.”
 - For Sunday classes: December 5 activity. Scripture is also on page 91 in *Parent Guide*. Answer: The angel tells Joseph about the child that Mary will give birth to and that Jesus will be part of God’s plan.
 - Encourage the children to keep working on the Planner throughout the rest of December.
3. **Advent Craft** (20 min): All classes will also be provided with directions and materials for each child to make Advent craft, based on grade. Directions are at the end of this file. Grade 1 will make a paper-chain Advent tree. Grade 3 will make a paper-plate Advent wreath. Grades 4 and 5 will make a window Advent wreath.
4. **Prayer Time – Activity 2 First Part: The Annunciation Scripture** (15 min): Bring your class to Room 122 (on Sunday) or to the Chapel (on Wednesday) at the time below to learn about and pray about the Annunciation, led by Mrs. Stahl.
- Grades 1 and 3: Sun at 9:05am to Room 122; Wed at 6:05pm to the Chapel
 - Grades 4 and 5: Sun at 9:40am to Room 122; Wed at 6:40pm to the Chapel

If you have time, complete these additional activities:

- **Advent Saint Story** (5 min): ... *if time*. Read the story of St. Nicholas from December’s chapter. The children can color page 81 while they listen. Afterwards, discuss the questions below.
 - Ask the children what simple acts of kindness they can do for their families (e.g., sharing toys with a sibling, making a special drawing for someone, helping to set

the table for dinner, etc.). Ask the children to try to do that act of kindness sometime in the next couple of days.

- **Activity 2: The Annunciation Scripture – Second Part**, focusing on Mary and Eve. Have the children look at the painting that shows the Blessed Virgin Mary comforting Eve.
 - Key ideas to communicate to the children:
 - Remind the children about Adam and Eve’s disobedience of God.
 - The Blessed Virgin Mary is sometimes called the “New Eve.” Like Eve, Mary was born full of God’s grace. She had a choice to say “yes” or “no” to God. But unlike Eve, Mary said “yes.” Her “yes” was saying yes to being the mother of Jesus, the Son of God.
 - Through Mary, Eve’s sin is un-done. Because of Mary’s “yes” and because of Jesus, the gates of Heaven are open to us again.
 - Jesus loves His Mother, and so do we. We call His mother our Blessed Mother because we are children of God. Mary is a model of holiness and obedience to God. We can ask her to pray for us.
- **Advent Activity Sheets** (10 min): ... *if time*. Complete Advent activity sheets that are in your in-box. Send the sheets home if you do not have time to complete them in the classroom.

Advent Calendars for Sending Home: The children will be given a printed four-color Advent calendar (one per family – note: this is being sent home via the youngest child in the family). In addition, children in Grade 5 will be given a punch-out Advent calendar that will lead them through reading a different Scripture passage from their *BreakThrough Bible* each day before Christmas. *Be sure to send these resources home.*

Classroom Handouts for 12/1/2021 and 12/5/2021:

- Extra copies of pages 65-72 and 81 of *Children’s Activity* books in case anyone forgets their books.
- “The Meaning of Advent” handout (one per child)
- Craft activity materials (see the directions at the end of this file) – send materials and directions home if you do not complete this activity.
- Printed, four-color Advent calendar (one per family/sent home via the youngest child in the family)
- For Grade 5: Punch-out Advent calendar with Scripture readings (one per child)
- Advent Activity Sheets (one per child/double sided) – to do if you have extra time
- Handed out in Prayer Time: A postcard of a famous Annunciation painting (one per child)

Note: We ask that catechists not do Activity 3 in the classroom since there is not much space available in the classrooms to do this activity and we are trying to physically distance everyone.



As you can see above, in class, your child learned about the meaning of Advent, made an Advent craft, and also did Activities 1 and Activity 2 (the first part on the Annunciation) from the purple books. More might have been covered in class if there was time. If you are able at home, you can cover any of the remaining activities.

We also sent home a four-color printed Advent calendar, one per family. Grade 5 students received a punch Advent calendar to work with their Bibles over December.

For the craft Advent wreaths that the children made in Grades 3 through 5, please be sure to add the flames for additional weeks of Advent!

Note: We suggest that you complete Activity 6, “Advent Season Memories,” which is for your family storybook (the white binder provided to you).

Additional Activities for the Month

Explore the additional activities: Saint of the Month, Verse of the Month, Car Conversations, etc.

“Meaning of Advent” Worksheet Answers for Catechists of Onsite Classes

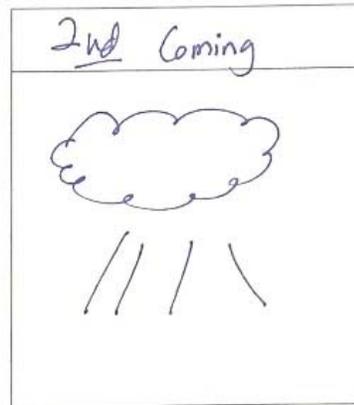
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Video: The Meaning of Advent

Directions: Watch the video, fill in the blanks, and copy the pictures.

www.thereligionteacher.com/adventmeaning

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ad = " to " vent = " come "



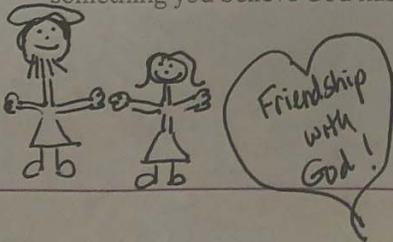
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Who is coming?
Messiah or Christ or Jesus

Sample of Activity 1: Advent Planner for Catechists of Onsite Classes

MY ADVENT PLANNER

First Week of Advent: Week of Expectation

Sunday	<p>Nov. 28</p> <p>Read John 1:19-23. Who is the voice of one crying in the wilderness?</p> <p>Don't forget to light the first purple candle on your Advent wreath!</p> 
Monday	<p>Nov. 29</p> <p><i>Back to school after Thanksgiving!!</i></p>
Tuesday	<p>Nov. 30</p>
Wednesday	<p>Dec. 1</p> <p>Expect great things from God! Draw a picture that shows something you believe God has in store for you.</p> 

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Advent Craft Directions for Catechists of Onsite Classes

Grade 1

Paper Chain Christmas Tree

Supplies:

- 19 green strips
- 5 red strips
- 1 yellow strip
- glue

Directions:

Fasten rings together using a stapler, tape, or glue. **Remember to alternate the direction of paper rings for each row.**

Follow the pattern in this picture. 

Row 1: wrap the yellow strip of paper into a ring and fasten it closed

Row 2: wrap one green paper ring around the yellow ring and fasten it

Row 3: wrap two more green paper rings off of the first green ring

Row 4: wrap one green paper ring off of the previous two. Then wrap a third in the opposite direction to secure them together

Row 5: wrap one green, and one red, paper ring off of each of the two rings from the previous row

Here's where it gets tricky!

Row 6: wrap three green rings off of the previous row (*the middle ring hangs from the two center rings of the previous row*). Then wrap two more green rings in the opposite direction to secure the three together

Row 7: wrap one green, and one red, paper ring off of each of the three rings from the previous row

Row 8: for the tree "trunk" wrap one green ring off of the two center 'pairs' of red & green rings in the center of the previous row. Then wrap the remaining green ring in the opposite direction to secure them together



Grades 2 and 3

Tissue Advent Wreath

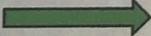
Supplies:

- green tissue squares
- red tissue squares
- paper ring
- 3 purple paper candles
- 1 pink paper candle
- glue



Directions:

1. Glue green tissue squares to the paper ring to make a wreath
2. Glue a few red tissues to make the holly
3. Cut out and decorate three purple candles, and one pink candle, then glue them to your wreath
4. Cut and glue one small red tear drop shape to a larger yellow tear drop shaped to make the flames.
Save these pieces to 'light' the candles each week of advent.

Attach a paper flame to 'light' a candle each  Sundays in Advent.

Light purple candles the first two weeks and the last week of Advent.

Light the pink candle the third week.

week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4
candle: purple	candle: purple	candle: pink	candle: purple
theme: hope	theme: love	theme: joy	theme: peace
reading:	reading:	reading:	reading:
Psalms 80:1-7	Psalms 91:14-16	Psalms 126:1-6	Psalms 29:10-11
Romans 15:12-13	John 3:16-17	Luke 2:7-15	Luke 1:26-38

Grades 4 and 5

Supplies:

- green construction paper
- pink, purple, yellow and red tissue squares
- black construction paper
- sticky contact paper
- glue



Directions:

1. Trace hands on green colored construction paper
2. Cut the shapes out and glue them together to make four small wreaths
3. Cut out four rectangles using black construction paper, then cut out the middle of each shape leaving at least 2" around the edges to make the candle outline
4. Place the black candle outline on the sticky side of a similar sized piece of contact paper
5. Fill in the center of three candles using different shades of purple tissue
6. Fill in the center of one candle using different shades of pink tissue
7. Cut and glue one small red tear drop shaped piece of tissue to a larger yellow tear drop shaped tissue to make flames.
Save these pieces to 'light' the cancel each week of advent.
8. Glue one small wreath to bottom of each of the four candles.

Attach a tissue flame to 'light' a candle each Sunday of Advent. →

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