

# St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022

## Grade 2 Lessons

### Signs of Grace: You Are Loved

First Reconciliation Preparation

## 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  Also this week, please practice Reconciliation at home with your child	Session 1 You Are Loved.  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 their child in the classroom.
Sat, 12/11/2021	First Reconciliation	9:30am in the Church. Please try to arrive early.
Sun, 12/12/2021 Wed, 12/15/2021	Class only for children	Session 2 You Are Loved
By 11/30/2021	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: <a href="https://forms.gle/7yN7E23Wa3rXQZFKA">https://forms.gle/7yN7E23Wa3rXQZFKA</a> .
<i>For December, no Family Mass this month</i>		

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**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 (prayers begin on page 105 in the *Student Guide for You Are Forgiven* and on page 117 in the *Student Guide for You Are Loved*)

**Parent Note:** Parents are encouraged to watch the parent component of the children’s videos, which the children will be watching during class. To watch the parent videos, you will need a free parish account to Formed.org. Visit our website to sign up for this free account: [www.sjnstcharles.org/formed/](http://www.sjnstcharles.org/formed/). The children’s videos are also available online using this account. Once you have an account, search for “Signs of Grace” in the FORMED Search field.

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## Session 1 Loved Details

### **Session 1 Loved Key Ideas:**

1. God saves his people Israel by delivering them from slavery through the Passover event and by feeding them with manna in the desert.
2. Passover was an important sacrifice for the Jewish people, and God wanted them to remember this saving event every year.
3. Sacrifice is offering something to God in atonement for sin or in thanksgiving for God's great gifts. Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice so that our sins could be forgiven.
4. The most important way we offer sacrifice to God is by attending Mass where we can unite our lives to Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.
5. Today, every Catholic church has a Tabernacle where the Eucharist is reserved for prayer and adoration outside of Mass. Jesus is truly present in the Tabernacle.



### **Catechists and Children, complete in class:**

- Parents will drop off and pick up children in the classrooms.
1. **Share the key ideas of Session 1:** (45 min)
    - Watch the *You Are Loved* Session 1 children's video.
    - Complete Session 1 in *Student Guide*.
    - Handout the St. Catherine of Siena saint cards.
  2. **Meaning of Advent** (10 min): Share the meaning of Advent. We will bring an iPad and TV to your classroom to 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/>.
    - **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.
    - We will bring the iPad in at 9:45am on Sunday and 6:45pm on Wednesday.
  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. All Grade 2 classes will also be provided with directions and materials for each child to make a paper plate Advent wreath. *If you do not have time to complete this craft, please send it home with directions with the children.*

**Practice Reconciliation:** While children are completing their Advent craft, take turns practicing Reconciliation with the children. We will provide copies of the handout that was distributed at the First Reconciliation Parent-Child retreat. Children can take turns being the priest and the penitent.

**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). Also please be sure to send home the Session 1 pages and stickers from the children's *Student Activity Books*. We will

provide folders for you to send home this first time to house the *Activity Book* pages. These folders can stay at home for families to store their *Activity Book* pages.

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

- St. Catherine of Siena saint cards.
- *You are Loved* children's DVD (keep this in your classroom for the rest of the year)
- Meaning of Advent worksheet (one per child)
- Advent calendars for the youngest children in each family (these will be in your in-box identified by family name).
- *Activity Book* Pages Folders
- Advent paper plate wreath directions and supplies
- First Reconciliation Retreat practice handout (one per child)



**Parents and Children, complete at home:**

- Complete "God Leads His People out of Slavery in Egypt" story in the *Book of Bible Stories*, pages 216-221.
- Complete the Family Take-Home Pages for Session 1 Loved in the *Student Activity Book*.
- Parents, please watch the Episode 1 Presence parent video on Formed.org at: <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/god-is-with-us>. (See parent note above regarding a free parish account to Formed.org).
- You can also rewatch with your child the Session 1 Loved children video on Formed.org at: <https://watch.formed.org/you-are-loved-1/videos/you-are-loved-ep-1-1>.
- *We also sent home a four-color printed Advent calendar, one per family, and the children made an Advent wreath. Please be sure to add the flames to the craft wreath for additional weeks of Advent!*

## Session 2 Loved Details

**Session 2 Loved Key Ideas:**

1. The miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding at Cana shows that Jesus is Son of God and points forward to the Eucharist.
2. At the Last Supper, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
3. Jesus tells the Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of him. It is continued in the Church today in the Mass.
4. Real Presence means that the entire Person of the risen Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity
5. When the priest says the Words of Consecration, "This is my Body," and "This is the chalice of my Blood," the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.
6. Transubstantiation means that the bread and wine really change into Jesus' Body and Blood.
7. Just as the Passover was one of the most important feasts in the Old Covenant, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics in the New Covenant.



**Catechists and Children, complete in class:**

- Parents will drop off and pick up children in the classrooms.
- **Share key ideas of Session 2:**
  - Watch the *You Are Loved* Session 2 children's video.
  - Complete Session 2 in *Student Guide*.
  - Handout the St. Clare of Assisi saint cards.
- **Share First Reconciliation Memories:**
  - Allow the children time to talk about the morning of First Reconciliation. Where did they experience God present in the sacrament?
- Be sure to send home the Session 2 pages and stickers from the children's *Student Activity Books*.

**Classroom Handouts for 12/12/2021 and 12/15/2021:**

- St. Clare of Assisi saint cards.



**Parents and Children, complete at home:**

- Complete "Jesus Shares a Last Supper with the Twelve" story in the *Book of Bible Stories*, pages 186-189.
  - Complete the Family Take-Home Pages for Session 2 Loved in the *Student Activity Book*.
  - Parents, please watch the Session 2 Presence parent video on Formed.org at: <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/the-story-of-the-eucharist>.
  - Parents you can rewatch with your children the Session 2 Loved children video on Formed.org at <https://watch.formed.org/you-are-loved-1/videos/you-are-loved-ep-2>.
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# “Meaning of Advent” Worksheet Answers for Catechists of Onsite Classes on 12/1 and 12/5

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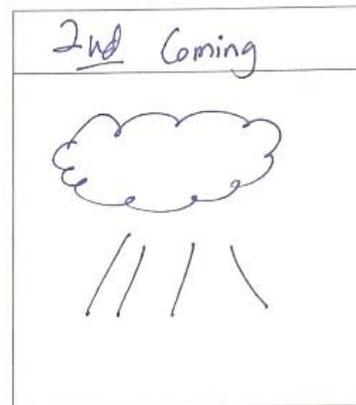
## Video: The Meaning of Advent

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

[www.thereigionteacher.com/adventmeaning](http://www.thereigionteacher.com/adventmeaning)

ADVENT = " Coming "

ad = " to "      vent = " come "



What are we waiting for?

- Christmas
- Nativity of Our Lord

What are we waiting for?

- Son of Man at end of the world

Who is coming?

Messiah or Christ or Jesus

# Advent Craft Directions for Catechists of Onsite Classes on 12/1 and 12/5

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 candle 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:
Psalm 80:1-7	Psalm 91:14-16	Psalm 126:1-6	Psalm 29:10-11
Romans 15:12-13	John 3:16-17	Luke 2:7-15	Luke 1:26-38