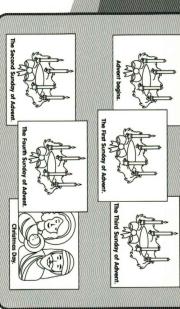


Example

Advent Is Four Weeks Long

lighting of candles each week of Advent. Activity: The child recognizes that Advent is four weeks long by sequencing the



get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. During the four weeks of Advent, we

Wird You Need

- a jacket, socks and shoes, other objects to be used to show sequence
- images for Advent and Christmas from the Internet
- calendar that shows the four weeks leading up to Christmas
- photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- art supplies
- sheet of construction paper

sequence with their child. If possible, the corresponding Advent panel wreath and connect each candle with have them display an actual Advent Invite the parents to review the Advent

Lesson Steps

Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: Dear God, please guide us as we celebrate the season of Advent. Pray the Sign of the Cross.

Begin with Life Experience

on the first Sunday of Advent. Trace the next week and say: We light two candles on the second and point out where Advent begins. Then trace a week to the next Sunday and say: We light a candle of your choice. Say: There are some things we must do in order. Display the images(s) for Advent and say: After all four candles are lit, we know Christmas is near. Then we will celebrate Jesus' birth. **Sunday of Advent.** Continue for the third and fourth Sundays. Display the images(s) for Christmas and say: During Advent we light the candles on an Advent wreath in order. Show the child the calendar the child say or show what to do first. Repeat with putting on a jacket and fastening it or other activities Show the child the socks and shoes. Ask: What should I do first, put on socks or put on shoes? Have

construction paper in the correct order. are placed in order, read aloud each card. Assist the child in gluing the panels onto a sheet of out the number of candles that are lit in each one. Review the calendar as needed. As the pictures them up and place them in front of the child. Say: These are pictures that show what we do during In advance, cut apart the Advent sequence cards from the photocopy of Side B of this card. Mix Advent. Let's put the pictures in the right order. Guide the child to order the pictures, pointing

Closing Prayer

and for the season of Advent. Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross. Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: Dear God, thank you for your, Son, Jesus,

