



November 29, 2020  
Preschool Sunday School  
At-Home Lesson

### Advent Week One:

Advent is a time of preparation. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word adventus which means "Coming". Advent is a time of preparation, preparing our hearts and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

Today we light the first candle of advent, the Candle of Hope. In the Gospel of Luke, we are reminded of Mary's story of hope.

Mary was a beautiful young woman who lived in Nazareth and was engaged to a man named Joseph. One day an angel appeared to Mary. The angel told Mary "God is with you and you will become pregnant and have a son who you will name Jesus. He is going to be very important to many people."

The angel gave Mary something to hope for, something that would change her life, and change our lives. Join me each week as we journey together through advent.

**As we light the Candle of Hope  
we remember Mary, and we say  
a prayer that God will renew our  
hope in all things.**

### Scripture: Luke 1:28

The angel came to Mary and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."

### The Candle of renewed Hope:

- Today we light the first candle knowing that it is hard to wait for Christmas. But time of advent allows us to prepare our hearts for the mystery and magic of Christmas.
- The round shape of the advent wreath makes us think of God's never ending love.
- The bright light of the candle helps us to remember Jesus is the light of the world. We want to wait for Jesus birth with hope too!

What do you hope for this Christmas?

***-Remember to use your star pointer  
each night with your family, may the  
light of the brightest star offer you hope  
through advent.***

God of Hope,  
We pray that we might all find  
something to be hopeful for  
this holiday season.  
Remind us that Jesus brings us the hope  
and promise of a life filled with  
Your love and presence.  
Let us live this renewed hope and  
promise each day.  
Amen

