

Advent



What is Advent?

Advent is the time before Christmas when we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ. We step back from the hustle and bustle of the world's preparations and focus on God and the gift He sent us.

We remember that He sent His only son Jesus to come into this world and die for our sins and then Jesus went back to heaven to prepare a place for us.

We also look forward to the time when he will come back and take us to live with Him in Heaven were there will be no more tears disease or pain. We will live in worship and love.

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends Christmas Eve

What is an Advent Wreath?

An Advent wreath is used to mark the Advent season. It is made up of a wreath that is decorated with five candles. Tradition says they should be three purple symbolizing royalty and one pink symbolizing joy which are on the wreath, as well as a white candle in the middle to symbolize Christ.

I personally just use four red candles with the white one in the middle.

The wreath is a circle to symbolize that there is no beginning and no end to God's Love and its evergreen to symbolize everlasting life. The candles symbolize Christ as the light of the world

You light one candle on the first Sunday and you can light it as many times as you want during the week to remind you of the theme for that week and then you add the next candle the next week until all the four candles are lit.

The Christ Candle is traditionally light only on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day but some people I know like to light it with the other candles to remember that Christ is with us throughout the season. The choice is yours. In case you do not have an Advent Wreath I have included instructions on how to make one on this site.