

# Come, Lord Jesus

Set up a prayer table with an Advent wreath and candles ahead of time. Invite the children to join you around the Advent wreath. Count out how many candles on your Advent wreath should be lit, based on which week of Advent you use this prayer service. Light the candles (real or battery-powered) as indicated, and say the word that corresponds with what each candle symbolizes (peace for the first candle, hope for the second, joy for the third, love for the fourth).

**Leader:** Let us begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross. (*All make Sign of the Cross.*) Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. (*Allow about 10 seconds of silence.*)

**Leader:** Loving God, heavenly Father, you sent your angel to Mary.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** The Angel Gabriel gave her the Good News that she would give birth to your Son, our Savior.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** We celebrate this Good News during Advent, and we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth this Christmas.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** We light [this candle/ these candles] as a sign of peace [hope, joy, and love].

*(Light the appropriate number of Advent candles. Say the corresponding words as you light each candle.)*

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** Jesus is the Light of the World. May he light our way in Advent and throughout our lives.

**All:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**Leader:** We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Close by singing an appropriate Advent song of your choice.*

This prayer service is taken from the Advent chapter of the Grade 2 Catechist Guide/Teacher Guide in the *Discover! Finding Faith in Life* program.

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