

1st Sunday in Advent

Nov. 21, 2022 –
Nov. 27, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1–11

THEME: Come, Lord Jesus! – as King

SONG: CW21 301/ CW93 2 Savior of the Nations, Come

VISUAL: Planner/Calendar that has events marked on it

OBJECT LESSON

Hold up the planner or calendar and point to an event coming up. Give an example of planning for a big party or event. What do we have to do to get ready? Put up decorations, get food, make invitations. Sometimes getting ready can be fun, but sometimes it isn't always so fun—like cleaning up our room or the bathrooms. But we do it anyway because we are thinking about the event.

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus has an event in mind in our Scripture today. He is preparing for it. He is going to do something not so fun to prepare for the event. While riding a donkey in a large parade seemed like a fun time, in less than one week, Jesus would be hanging on a cross. He went to Jerusalem and suffered so that our sins would be cleaned away. He felt all that pain so that we would be with him in heaven.

When we are afraid, it might seem like Jesus is not in control. We don't trust that God is with us and will protect us. But our baptism reminds us that we are God's children. We know that scary things will pass because we are thinking about the big event: being in heaven with Jesus.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Where do baptisms happen in the church? How does God make us part of his family? How can our Baptism help us when we are afraid?

Discuss or practice memorizing Psalm 56:3.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, sometimes I am afraid. I forget that you are in control. Thank you for making me yours in Baptism and reminding me that you will bring us safely to heaven some day. Amen.



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2nd Sunday in Advent

Nov. 28, 2022 -
Dec. 4, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10

THEME: Come, Lord Jesus! - as Judge

SONG: CW21 312/ CW93 11 Comfort, Comfort All My People

VISUAL: A judge's gavel or a hammer and a block of wood (maybe in conjunction with a picture of a gavel)

OBJECT LESSON

Bang the gavel loud enough for everyone to hear. This is called a gavel. When someone commits a crime, they have to go before a judge who tells them whether they are innocent (didn't do the crime) or guilty (did do the crime). After the judge declares them innocent or guilty, the judge bangs the gavel. This can be a scary time because the person being judged could have to go to jail for a long time.

BIBLE TRUTH

One thing we learn about God in this section of Scripture is that he is a judge. At the end of our life, we are declared innocent (free from sin) or guilty (full of sin). That can make me feel scared because I have done sinful things. May you know the bad things you have done, too. Maybe you didn't listen to your parents. Or maybe you hurt your brother or sister or friend. That sin would make us guilty before God.

But that is why I love this section of scripture. The writer, Isaiah, tells us who our judge is. He tells us that Jesus is our judge. And we know that Jesus loves us so much that he dies on a cross to take away our sin. So we can be happy when we think about being judged because Jesus, the one who saved us and loves us, is our judge.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, our judge, thank you for saving us and declaring us innocent. Keep us from sinning and remind us of your love every day. Amen.



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3rd Sunday in Advent

Dec. 5, 2022 -
Dec. 11, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:2-11

THEME: Come, Lord Jesus! - as Messiah

SONG: CW21 812 Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

VISUAL: An obscure vegetable (kohlrabi, okra, leek, endive, etc.)

OBJECT LESSON

Hide the vegetable in a podium or somewhere easily accessible. I have a vegetable here and it might be your favorite vegetable. Can you guess what it is? After a few guesses, reveal the hidden vegetable and tell what it is. No one guessed this vegetable. You expected it to be something different.

BIBLE TRUTH

The Jews expected something different, too. They expected the Messiah (another word for Christ) to come and be their earthly king. They didn't want someone else to rule over them—they wanted to be free from other people.

We sometimes want Jesus, the Messiah, to be different than he is. We want him to take away all our problems or maybe give us everything we ever wanted. We want to tell God how our lives are supposed to be instead of letting him be in control.

Thankfully, God knows what we need more than we do. He knows we sin and we need a savior and that is exactly who he gives us in Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah—the one who was prophesied to come and take away our sins. He came and took our sins away and gave us eternal life. What a great Messiah!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Talk about Messiah meaning "the anointed one." How can we talk about Jesus being our Messiah to our friends and family?

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus as our perfect Messiah. Sometimes we want Jesus to do things the way we want them instead of the way you have planned. Thank you for forgiving us and let those times strengthen our faith. Amen.



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4th Sunday in Advent

Dec. 12, 2022 -
Dec. 18, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:10-14

THEME: Come, Lord Jesus! - as Immanuel

SONG: CW21 327/ CW93 23 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VISUAL: Wet Floor Sign

OBJECT LESSON

Place the sign somewhere for everyone to see. Have you seen this sign before? This is a warning sign. It says that the floor is wet and it could be slippery. Someone could fall and hurt themselves if this sign isn't put up.

BIBLE TRUTH

In our portion of scripture today, King Ahaz was given a warning sign. Ahaz was not a good king and he didn't listen to God. He refused to listen to God.

We often refuse God's words, too. We don't want to hear how we should always be thankful and not complain. We don't want to hear how we should listen to our parents all the time, even when we don't want to.

But even though we don't want to hear and Ahaz didn't want to hear, God still gives us what we need. God still loves us and gives us Immanuel. Immanuel is another name given to Jesus. It means "God with us." We refuse God's words and yet God still gives us himself. Immanuel came to earth to save us and be near us. How thankful I am that even though I didn't want him to, Immanuel still came and saved us!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Talk more about God being with us on earth and how humbling that is.

List some other names of Jesus and what they mean.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Immanuel to be with us. Forgive us for times when we don't want to hear your words. Bless us with greater faith and more opportunities to share our faith with others. Amen.



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Christmas

Dec. 19, 2022 -
Dec. 25, 2022

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20

THEME: A Savior Born to Change the World

SONG: CW21 330 Peace Came to Earth

VISUAL: Mona Lisa picture and a copy with something different about her (hat put on, mustache, etc.)

OBJECT LESSON

Hold up the original Mona Lisa. Then hold up the different one. Ask, Do you see the difference between these two paintings? This is the original and someone changed it! It's kind of silly looking now.

BIBLE TRUTH

Jesus coming at Christmas changed us, too. No, we don't look silly now. Now we look perfect. Perfect to God. Because that is why Jesus came as a baby in a manger. He came to change us and make us perfect so we could be at peace with God.

Change can be uncomfortable. Maybe your family has something different for supper. Or maybe you have to have a different teacher for a school day. Or maybe you have a new baby brother or sister that has made it different at home. Those changes can be uncomfortable.

But Jesus coming to earth and changing us is not uncomfortable. It's the best thing that ever could have happened to us because Jesus came to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the dead. He came to change us from sinners going to hell to saints going to heaven. And that means peace with God for us forever.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Explain what it means to be at peace with God. Talk about how Jesus changing us makes us want to tell others about him.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to earth and changing us from sinners to saints. Thank you for bringing us peace. Bless our Christmas and help us tell others this wonderful news. Amen.



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