



## Prepare for the Christ Child Leader Guide

5 Advent Lessons for faith formation at home.

Added multi-age small group extensions for in-person Sunday School.

The Advent unit is written in a way that you can download it and send it out each week to the family that is not coming to in-person worship and gives you additional lesson extensions for teaching it with a multi-age small group at the church. By the end of the 5 weeks, the kids and their families will be PREPARED to tell the nativity story with character masks they made themselves.

### **Pick up option:**

Take five manila envelopes. Print out each home lesson. If you are able to print the mask on cardstock that goes with the lesson it makes for a better mask but not essential. If you have popsicle sticks, put one in each envelope with the two papers. Write the date on each envelope. For example, if you are starting it Nov. 22 then that goes on the outside of the manila envelope for the adult in the house to know which lesson to start with each week. You may want to send a text reminder with a screen shot of the lesson the lesson a message that is worded something like this, "I can't wait to see what your child's mask looks like from the Nov.22 lesson. Can you send me a picture? This lesson should be in the packet but if not here is your another. If you can't locate the mask I can text you the download link."

**Porch Visit option:**

Many people are optioning for a physically distanced home visit to drop off the supplies for each "UNIT". It gives you a chance to do some pastoral care listening with the family member on the front porch after the child has been given their box or bag of goodies to the unit. You should only do this if you and your task force feel it is a safe option for you. You may want to do a combination of pick and porch visits only the ones that were not able to make it to the pick-up site.

**Email option:**

If you don't find that your families are able to get to your pick-up location, save each lesson separately on your desktop. Then each week email out, text, and post on social media that they have a simple Advent lesson and activity waiting for them to print in their email inbox. In the email you send the parents to tell them if they don't have popsicle sticks around the house that they could use straws or pencils with the tip broken off for the handle of their child's mask. You don't want this to be a big project to gather materials.

**Facebook Live:**

You could do the home lesson and an extension on Facebook live each Sunday to lead the family in the lesson you have sent home. Don't schedule that Facebook live during the morning worship. Schedule it in the late afternoon, so the family can work on it as an activity together. Be sure to make your FB Live 5 min or less. Your FB Live should just be their launch to the lesson and let them finish it together. For example, ask the relational questions provided in the lesson model how to find the verse in the Bible, read the verse, ask the family to do the wondering questions, and mask together.

\*Whichever way you get the materials to the family, don't assume they all have Bibles at home. When you make an announcement always mention that "reader-friendly NRSV or CEB Bibles can be added to your kit upon request."

\*Be sure to read, lesson 5 so you can plan ahead with your ministry team on how you may want to incorporate the videos sent to you.

\*Here are the masks to download to put with the lesson. A picture of what mask goes with what lesson is included in the main lesson page. They are free from [www.thedatingdivas.com](http://www.thedatingdivas.com) site.

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