

Celebrating Advent

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 10**.

Each liturgical year we celebrate Advent. It is the season before Christmas.

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Advent is four weeks long.

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Advent is a time to get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth.

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Each day of Advent, we get ready to welcome Jesus.

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God loves us so much that he sent us Jesus.

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At Mass during Advent, your church may display a large Advent wreath.

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The Advent wreath has four candles. Usually three of the candles are purple and one is pink.

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Each week one more Advent candle is lit. As Jesus' birthday gets closer, the candles' light gets brighter. It reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

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Just as a light helps us see in the dark, Jesus helps us see how much God loves us.

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We do not sing the *Gloria* on Sundays during Advent.

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