First Sunday of Advent Be Watchful ! Be Alert !

Children's liturgy activity November 29th, 2020



VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

- Mark 13:33

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Today in the gospel, Jesus is telling his disciples about the time of the second coming and the Necessity for Watchfulness. He asks his friends to keep alert and be ready always as no one knows, not even Jesus knows about this time, but only the Father in Heaven. Jesus compares this to a man who is traveling abroad entrusts his home and places to his servants and assigns each with his own work, ordering the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Jesus warns that, as the servants do not know when their master is returning back, they must be watchful and alert always; fulfilling their assigned missions; so that if he returns suddenly, he will not find them sleeping or lazy with all the entrusted works undone. Be always at watch and be alert!

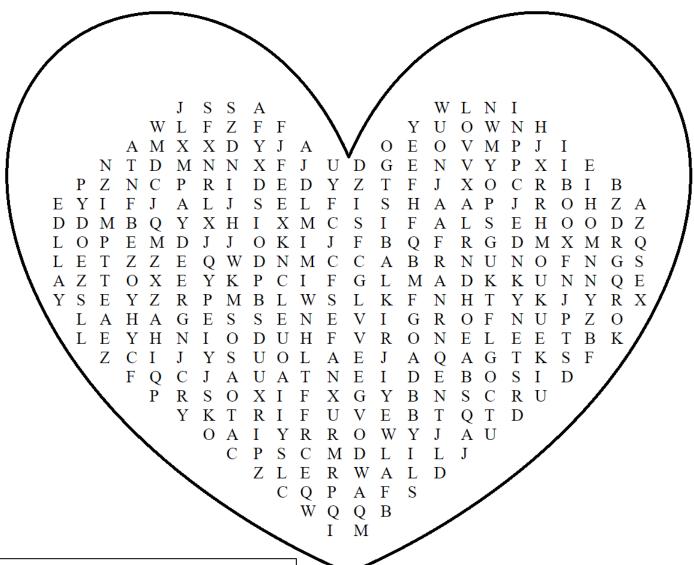
In this parable, we are the servants and Jesus is the master of the house. Jesus our lord has entrusted us with his missions to be accomplished before he comes the second time. Since we do not know the time of his coming, we must not be lazy but always vigilant and faithful; seeking and accomplishing the missions entrusted to each of us by Jesus.

How can we know our missions? How can we stay alert and awake?

Seek lords' wish each day through prayer. Holy Spirit is our helper who reveals us lords wish and gives us strength to accomplish it. Holy Spirit intercedes for Gods children according to the will of God. Let us, therefore, always be watchful praying in Spirit and fill in God's love to live lives of love, compassion, forgiveness, and honesty.

PREPARE OUR HEART TO WELCOME JESUS.

EXAMINE YOUR HEART AND STRIKE OUT ALL THAT TRIES TO PUT OFF OUR FLAMING SPIRIT TO SLEEP. FIND THE WORDS THROUGH THE VERSE CLUES



- "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."-Proverbs 16:18
- "A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."-Proverbs 14:30
- For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice-James 3:16
- "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged." -Matthew 7:1
- A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched. - Proverbs 28:25
- "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."- Matthew 6:15

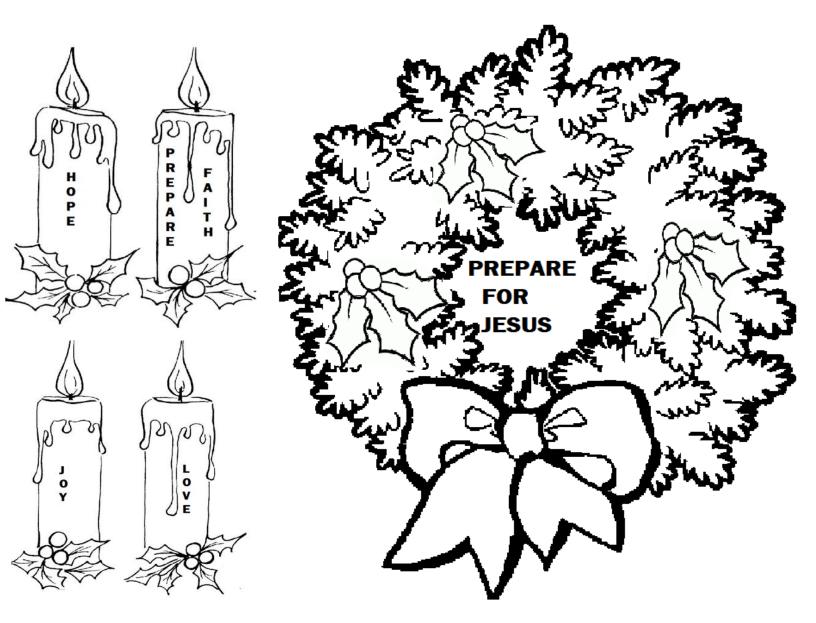
- "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"-Matthew 6:25
- Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient."- Ephesians 5:6
- "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold"-Ephesians 4:26-27
- Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.

ADVENT RING ACTIVITY

CUT OUT AND STICK THE TEMPLATE ON A CARD.

CUT OUT THE CANDLES, COLOUR THEM WITH THE RIGHT COLOUR AND

STICK THEM EACH WEAK IN THE RIGHT ORDER



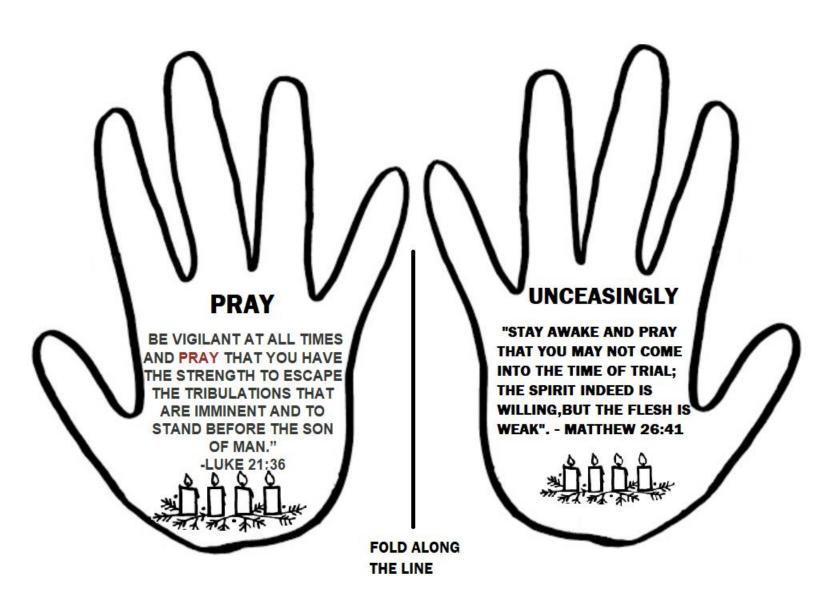
LIGHT UP THE CANDLE OF HOPE AND COLOUR IT PURPLE AND STICK ON THE ADVENT WREATH .

LET US SAY THE PRAYER OF HOPE,

'God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

'TABLE - TOP PRAYER HAND' CRAFT

Cut along the template, stick on a card, decorate/colour, fold along the line and keep on your table.





DEAR FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE GREAT HELPER, HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS. HELP US TO STAY AWAKE BY PRAYING IN HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHTING UP OUR SOULS IN HOPE FOR THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS AND PREPARING US TO WELCOME HIM BY ACCOMPLISHING ALL YOUR WISHES ENTRUSTED TO US THROUGH JESUS.

IN JESUS, NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.