



## Advent Bingo Activity Center

### *Facilitator's Instructions and Q & A*

Includes instructions for the facilitator and the Bingo caller's questions and answers

### **Instructions for the Activity Center Facilitator:**

Invite participants to each take an Advent Bingo card and pen or pencil.

Explain that you will ask a series of questions. After each question, you will call on one person to answer the question. Once the correct response has been given, all players who have that answer in one of the squares on their Bingo card may mark that square with a big "X." After each question is answered, you might ask the whole group to discuss that answer.

Let the players know that, just as in a regular game, they should yell "Bingo!" once they have marked five squares in a line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When a participant claims "Bingo," check his or her card and then give a small prize.

Tell the other participants not to clear their cards, but instead to keep playing. Continue awarding Bingo prizes as needed. You don't need to use all of the questions. Use as many as time permits. You can lengthen the session by taking more time to discuss each response and give additional background information.

### **Questions and Answers**

1. Which Church season comes before Christmas? (*Advent*)
2. How many weeks are in Advent? (*four*)
3. What day of the week is the first day of Advent? (*Sunday*)
4. What do we call the future time when Jesus Christ will come into the world again? (*the Second Coming*)
5. What is the church's color for Advent? (*purple*)
6. What does the word *Advent* mean? (*coming*)
7. During Advent, we prepare for Jesus Christ to come into our \_\_\_\_\_ for Christmas. (*hearts*)

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8. During Advent, what do we pray for? (*peace*)
9. During Advent, we remember God's \_\_\_\_\_ to send our Savior, Jesus.  
(*promise*)
10. During Advent, we try harder to do what? (*help others*)
11. What did Jesus the Savior save his people from? (*sin*)
12. What Advent custom uses three purple candles and one pink candle to remind us that Jesus brings light into our darkness? (*Advent wreath*)
13. The circle of green leaves on an Advent wreath reminds us that God's love is what? (*eternal*)
14. In which week of Advent do we light the pink candle? (*Week 3*)
15. What is Jesus the light of? (*the world*)
16. God sent special people to remind everyone that God would keep his promises of love. We hear readings from the Bible about these people in church during Advent. Who are these people? (*prophets*)
17. What prophet from the Old Testament predicted the coming of the Savior?  
(*Isaiah*)
18. Who announced that Jesus the Savior was coming to the world?  
(*John the Baptist*)
19. This next question has a four-part answer, and each of the four parts has its own square. Be sure to check your card after each part of the question is answered. What does John the Baptist ask us to do during Advent?  
(*prepare, watch, repent, wait*)
20. Which angel announced to Mary that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus? (*Gabriel*)
21. What did Mary say when God asked her to be the mother of Jesus? (*Yes!*)
22. Who was the cousin of Mary who was also the mother of John the Baptist?  
(*Elizabeth*)
23. Who did an angel visit in a dream, saying "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife"? (*Joseph*)

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- 24.** What great feast of Mary's do we celebrate on December 8?  
(*Immaculate Conception*)
- 25.** Which patron saint of children do we celebrate on December 6?  
(*Saint Nicholas*)
- 26.** Which saint, whose name means light, has a feast day that we celebrate on December 13? (*Saint Lucy*)
- 27.** On what date during Advent do we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe? (*December 12*)
- 28.** From December 17 through December 23, our Church uses special prayers that help us remember how great God is and what God is like. These special prayers start with the word "O" and are called \_\_\_\_\_. ("*O*" *Antiphons*)
- 29.** What traditional Catholic prayer contains the greeting that Elizabeth gave to Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"? (*Hail Mary*)
- 30.** What is the name of the prayer that Mary sang when she visited her cousin Elizabeth? (*Magnificat*)
- 31.** When we sing the song "O Come, O Come, \_\_\_\_\_," what is the name we use for Jesus that means "God with us"? (*Emmanuel*)

