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Bible Stories™

# Circle of Light



An Advent Wreath Stickerbook

## An Evergreen Tree

The evergreen tree reminds us of the gift of eternal life that Jesus offers us. The tree is shaped like an arrow, pointing up to our heavenly home. The lights shine like the stars over Bethlehem.

*He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life. John 3:16*



Look at the circle.  
What do you see?  
The tall pointy shape  
of an evergreen tree.

The evergreen  
branches can remind us of  
our life everlasting in  
heaven above.



## A Wreath

The green wreath is a sign of new life, even in the dark of winter. The circle shape of the wreath reminds us that God's love is never-ending. He comes to be with us forever!

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, ... the beginning and the end." Revelation 22:13*

God's love never ends.  
It will always be there,  
like a circle surrounding  
us all everywhere!  
The shape of our Advent  
wreath helps us to know  
that God is eternal.  
His Word tells us so.



## Thre Prophet's Candle

The first candle on our Advent wreath is called "The Prophet's Candle." Prophets like Isaiah shared God's message. God told the people to get ready for the promised Savior: a light to shine in the darkened world. "Prepare," the prophets said, "the light of God is coming." *"Prepare," the prophets said, "the light of God is coming." The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Isaiah 9:2*



## John the Baptist

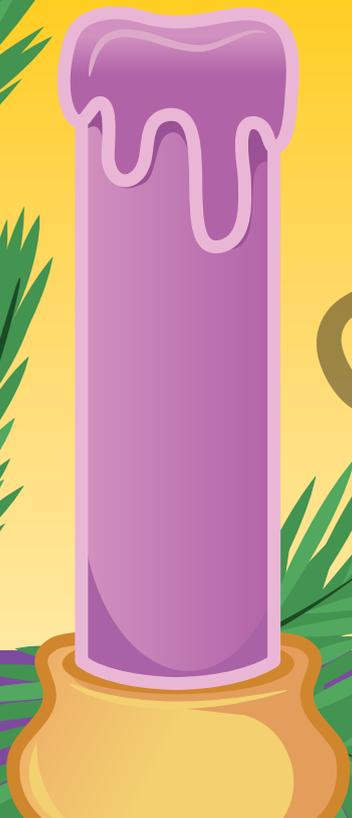
John was a prophet. He tells us to prepare for Jesus' coming. When people asked John about the promised Messiah, John pointed them to Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" John 1:23*

The prophets foretold that the Savior would come. God's light would soon shine out to guide everyone. I light my first candle and pray this first prayer: "Dear Jesus, you're coming. Please help me prepare."

John lived near the river. When people came near, John told them, "Prepare! For the Lord's almost here!"

I want to be ready. "Dear Jesus, come in! Make your home in my heart. Make my heart pure within."



## Mary and Joseph

Good news, Mary, "you will bear a son and call his name Jesus." Joseph got that same message. They welcomed God's Son. The news is for you too. Through Jesus, you are part of God's family! Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21*



The Bethlehem candle shines a message of LOVE!



Mary heard the special news.  
"Mary, God has chosen you!"  
Lovingly she bowed her head.  
"Let it be as God has said."

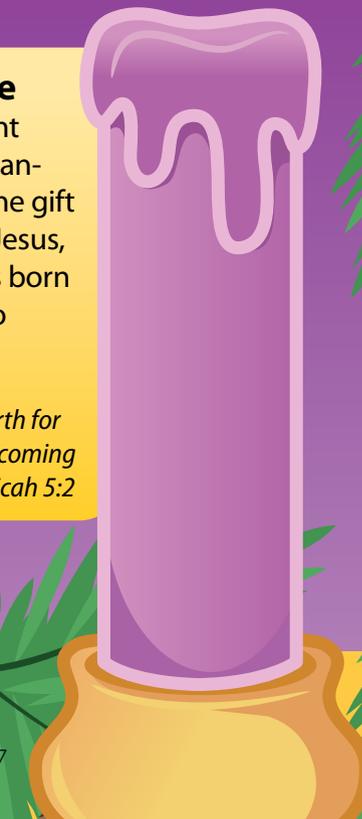
Joseph heard the news as well.  
"He will be Immanuel!"  
God is coming! He will be  
with us always, lovingly!



## The Bethlehem Candle

The second candle on the Advent wreath is called "The Bethlehem Candle." This week we thank God for the gift of love he shared with the world. Jesus, the ruler of heaven and earth, was born into a humble and loving family to show us God's amazing love.

*O Bethlehem..., from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2*



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**Learn the bright and joyous message of the Advent wreath this season with a Stick-With-Me booklet all about shining and sharing in the Light of Christ whose birth is the center of all of our Advent expectation. Gather around his manger and join the Circle of Light!**



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