

Advent Wreath for Families

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- ✠ *Phrase:* Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- ✠ *Explanation:* Jacob's other name is "Israel."
The Patriarchs were the first ones to follow Jesus.

Week 2: Blue candle - Prophets

- ✠ *Phrase:* Prepare the way of the Lord!
- ✠ *Explanation:* The Prophets help the people listen to God.

Week 3: Pink candle - Mary

- ✠ *Phrase:* Your will be done!
- ✠ *Explanation:* Mary is Jesus' mother. She listened to God.
Mary brought Jesus into the world.

Week 4: Blue candle - Shepherds

- ✠ *Phrase:* Joy to the world!
- ✠ *Explanation:* The shepherds waited in the still and quiet of the night. They were ready to hear the angels' good news.

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at the darkest time of year we light ____ candle(s)
to remember that Jesus is our true light.
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At the darkest time of year, I smile and light ____ candle(s)
to welcome the joy of Christmas, warm and glowing in my heart.
Amen.

Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.

Actions:

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(arms out, palms up)

Son of God



(arms raised, palms up)

have mercy



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