

# SPARK Kids Project Night

**DATE:** December 2017

TOPIC	ADVENT
<b>ANGELS Project Plan</b>	PRAY: An Advent Prayer READ: Read 'The Advent Wreath' MAKE: Pipe Cleaner Advent Wreath
<b>SPIRITS &amp; BELIEVERS Project Plan</b>	PRAY: An Advent Prayer READ: Read 'The Advent Wreath' MAKE: Paper Plate Advent Wreath
<b>DISCIPLES Project Plan</b>	PRAY: An Advent Prayer READ: Read 'The Advent Wreath' MAKE: Votive Light Advent Wreath
<b>Supplies</b>	All the supplies will be ready and waiting for you on Thursday evening.
<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>7:30pm Surprise Party &amp; Movie in LARGE GROUP</b>

## An Advent Prayer

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.

# ANGELS CLASS



a simple  
Advent  
Wreath

...for kids



I was looking for an Advent Wreath that was super simple for our kiddo's to make.

One they could create themselves that would be all their own.  
One they could set on their dresser or their desk.

Something to remind them of all of our hopeful waiting!

So I started digging in my craft closet.  
I just knew there had to be something I could do with the pipe cleaners and buttons!

So simple!



**All you're gonna need:**

Scissors  
3 green pipe cleaners  
2 purple pipe cleaners  
1 pink pipe cleaner  
4 yellow buttons

**Step 1:**

Connect (by twisting) three green pipe cleaners end to end to make one long stick.

**Step 2:**

Wrap the stick around a pencil or pen tightly and remove it gently.  
Bring the ends together to make a circle and twist closed.

**Step 3:**

To make the candles, cut the purple and pink pipe cleaners in half.  
Thread the button on.  
Holding the button at the center, fold the pipe cleaner in half, and twist it.

**Step 4:**

Connect the candles, by curling their bottoms around one of the coils in the wreath,  
and then twisting it around itself to hold it in place. Get it real snug so they don't fall over.

# SPIRITS & BELIEVERS CLASS

## My Advent Wreath

Long ago, a beautiful baby boy was born. He was born in a manger filled with animals and hay, and a star shone bright in the sky. That baby boy brought to Earth a light that cleared out all the darkness. The light that he brought has never gone out.

Jesus Christ was that baby, and he is the reason why Christmas is such a special time. Jesus is the reason why we just can't stop ourselves from smiling a little bit bigger, laughing a little bit louder, and loving just a little bit more.

Let's sit down with our family and friends and create a beautiful Advent wreath in the tradition of this wonderful season. Let the beauty and the light of the wreath shine brightly. It will remind you of the love that Jesus has for us all! Whenever you like—at dinner, snack time, or anytime—say a prayer to reflect upon the love and light of Christ.

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

(JOHN 8:12)



## WHAT YOU NEED

Advent Wreath handout	glue sticks
paper plates (one per child)	large gum drops
scissors	plastic knife
green tissue paper	birthday candles
red tissue paper	(three purple and one pink)

## PREPARATION

1. Begin by cutting a hole in the center of the paper plate. The hole should be large enough to leave a 2" rim around the plate.
2. Cut green and red tissue paper into 1" x 1" pieces.
3. Assemble kits.

*Each kit should include:* one plate, four gum drops, three purple candles, and one pink candle.

## CRAFT TIME

1. Give each child one pre-assembled kit.
2. Place a mound of green and red tissue paper in the center of the table.
3. Begin by covering one-tenth of the paper plate with glue.
4. Place your pointer finger into the center of one of the squares of tissue paper. Pull the edges up around your finger to resemble a cup.
5. Immediately place your finger with the tissue paper downward onto the glued portion of the plate.
6. Repeat Steps 3 through 5 until entire plate is covered and no white is showing.
7. Using your plastic knife, slice off a thin layer of the bottom of the gumdrop.
8. Space the gumdrops evenly around the wreath and gently push the sticky side of the gumdrop onto the plate until firm.
9. Push each of the four candles into the center of the four gumdrops.
10. Light the candles and say a prayer!

# DISCIPLES CLASS



An Advent wreath is the perfect way to celebrate the weeks leading up to Christmas. When you use an Advent wreath, you light one candle per Sunday until Christmas, with the final candle being lit on Christmas Day. In order, you light two purple candles first, then a pink on the 3rd week, and then you finish off with purple on the fourth. The pink candle reminds us that it is almost time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, while the other candles remind us to stay in prayer. An Advent wreath can be displayed on your dining room table, or anywhere you wish to celebrate the Advent season. It can be easy making your own child friendly Advent wreath and in fact, you can make one using Dollar Tree supplies. Take a peek below at how we created this **Advent Wreath Craft for Kids** in under 30 minutes. It is perfect for celebrating the Advent season with little ones.

## ADVENT WREATH CRAFT FOR KIDS

### Materials:

- Mini door wreath
- 4 battery operated votives
- Pink and purple ribbon
- Scissors
- Hot glue, glue gun





### Directions:

1. Begin by removing any excess decor from the wreath. I left the ribbon on but took off any extra swag. You can do the same or leave as you wish.
2. Cut a length of ribbon to wrap around each votive. Cut to fit and secure to the candle with glue.
3. Continue wrapping the votives in ribbon, creating 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle.
4. You can now start applying the candles to the wreath. Place a dime sized amount of glue under the candles **BUT NOT OVER THE ON/OFF SWITCH**. You need to be able to

access this. Just apply glue to the opposite end. Then, press them to the wreath. Hold in place firmly until they have attached well.

You can now use your Advent wreath for kids! Just slip your finger underneath to flip the switch on the candle. You can light one week at a time and enjoy all four candles lit up on Christmas Day!

