



Hello families and Happy Advent!

We have had a wonderful November at St. John's Children's Ministry!

This month we've:

- ◆ Learned about Jesus as King.
- ◆ Learned about the coming of Christ!
- ◆ Learned about the meaning of the Advent season and made advent wreaths!

In December we will be learning all about Advent and preparing for the birth of Christ! We will also be celebrating the season with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We'll be welcoming live nativity animals at 3:30 on Christmas Eve before the 4pm Children's service, which is SO exciting! We cannot wait to celebrate on Christmas Eve with you as well in the pop-up Christmas Pageant. Come and pick out a costume and act out your favorite parts as narrators tell the Christmas Story!

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

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Christmas Services

Celebrate Christmas with Us!

- 4pm:** Family Christmas Eve Service *with Nativity Animals*
7pm: Classic Christmas Eve Service *with Carols*
10pm: Candlelit Choral Christmas Eve Service*

This Christmas St. John's will be welcoming our children and families to come to the Church at 3:30 on Christmas Eve to see **LIVE** Nativity Animals and for kids to participate in the Pop-Up Christmas Pageant at the 4pm service! Come at 3:30, see some animals in the parking lot, come inside to pick a costume, and act out the parts as narrators read! The beauty of this pageant is that everyone can participate and memorizing lines is not needed! All you have to do is come participate, we can't wait to see you!

Family Worship Service

The last Sunday of every month, children and teens are invited to participate in the worship service. This is a great opportunity for the children to both integrate and minister to the broader parish. The service is designed for families, so the liturgy will be relaxed and informal. Children/youth are invited to be readers or to write and lead the prayers. A reminder will go out a week or so beforehand. We are always looking for readings and intercessors! If you're children or teens are interested, please let me know, we'll make sure they have the readings or prayers beforehand and help make sure they are comfortable. A **HUGE** thank you to Scarlett Hames for being a fabulous reader during November's Family Worship and to Jason Hames and Juliette Hames for lighting our first Advent Candle!

Lessons & Links

Here are the Scripture passages we'll be working with this month. I've also included some video links that go along with those passages, they're fun short videos that help explain the lessons we're focusing on this month.

Day	Description	Scripture	Link
5	Advent 2: Promise of Salvation	Luke 3:1-6	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NMHOLPWETM
12	Advent 3: The Good News	Luke 3:7-18	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6OeD4sj9Pk
19	Advent 4: Joy	Luke 1:39-45	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=490SDWdIG3U
26	First Sunday after Christmas: Family of Jesus	Luke 2:41-52	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho_3gviWzbw