

Advent Joy Bag

Welcome to the Joy Bag! Advent is a time that we are preparing our homes and hearts for the birth of Jesus. The Joy Bag is an opportunity for the entire family to take a break from their busy holiday schedules and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Take a moment to go through the bag and carefully empty all the contents. You will need a table, pencil, and some crayons to complete the activity on the sheet.

1. Spread out the cloth and carefully pull out the Advent Wreath. Place the candles inside the evergreen wreath. Light the appropriate number of candle(s). First week of Advent – light one purple candle, second week of Advent – light two purple candles, third week of Advent – light two purple candles and one pink candle and the last week of Advent – light all the candles.
2. Place the Nativity ornament on the cloth. Find the current date in the Grace Upon Grace prayer book and share the reading, reflection and prayer of the day.
3. Read the Christmas story together. While you are reading, enjoy the snack that has been provided for you in the tin.
4. Please blow out the candles after the prayer and story have been read.
5. Take out the class journal. Have your child draw, color and write about what "Christmas means to your Family".
6. Replenish the snacks in the tin (no nuts, please) and send the Joy Bag back to school the next day. We will share our journal entries with the class in the New Year.

Sincerely, Rhonda Reid



Joy Bag 1R

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Daniel	Jack	Josh	Derek	Owen	
	Ciara	Kamryn	Mackenzie	Alicia	Carolyn	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Ethan	Nicholas	Gavin	Marcus	Ryder	
	Avery	Lydia	Alyssa	Ashley	Cheska	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Brady	Preston	First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve
	Jayden	Emily				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day						

