

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

MY NAME IS _____

THE COLOR OF ADVENT IS PURPLE. THERE ARE THREE PURPLE ADVENT CANDLES, AND ONE ROSE-COLORED. THE CHRIST CANDLE IS PURE WHITE!

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and lost heaven, but He promised to send them a redeemer. God's prophets announced that the Messiah was coming! We hope and believe that Jesus will come again in glory.

This special candle symbolizes Jesus. The word *Messiah* means "the Anointed One," which is the same as our word, *Christ*. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, who came to shine in the darkness. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son. The angel Gabriel announced to Mary: "Hail Mary, full of grace. Do not be afraid, for the Lord is with you!" The angel wanted Mary to feel God's peace, which Jesus came to bring us.

When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem, there was no room for them at the inn. This final week of Advent, ask God to help you prepare room in your heart for Jesus. Love others as He has loved you.

Joseph and Mary were joyful as they traveled to Bethlehem, because Jesus was with them as an unborn child in Mary's womb. We are joyful as His birth draws near.

Fill in the candle names using the text above as your guide.

CHRIST • HOPE • JOY • PEACE • LOVE