

## Advent Wreath At Home Activity

Print out the three page printable. Have kids color before cutting, so they don't have to worry so much about staying in the lines or tearing edges while coloring. You can color the flames and the holly with marker to make them more vibrant, and color the actual candle with crayon so that the words will be more visible.

Side Note: Do you know the Christian meaning of holly? The prickly leaves remind us of Christ's crown of thorns, and the red berries symbolize the blood He shed.

Then cut out the candles.

A Christ candle is included to use during the Octave of Christmas.



Next, wrap the candle printables around a toilet paper tube. (Note: if you are not big on using toilet paper rolls, you can use paper towel rolls cut down or a cylinder of card stock.)

First tape/glue the printable on the little tab (which has a reminder about which Sunday of Advent it is for) and then attach the opposite edge. There is also a Scripture verse on each candle from the Sunday readings this year.



The candle flames can be lit or unlit. Here is the Hope candle lit...

or you can gently fold and push the flame inside the tube...

where it isn't visible.



The candles could just be set on/in an evergreen wreath on a table, or you can make a wreath to put it all together. Trace a circle in the middle of a paper plate and then draw four Xs that about 1 3/4" in length.



Carefully cut out the circle and the Xs.



If you have a green plate, you could stop here, or you can add leaves as decoration. One of the printables has holly & berries that you can use.



You can cut out more simple leaves from green paper.

Next, add some glue on those Xs and put the candle on top of it. To stabilize it and make the glue stick, roll up a strip of cardstock (about 8" long), put a little glue on it, and stick it on the inside of the Xs. Let it unfurl and it will help everything stick together as it dries.



Glue the leaves and the berries on the plate, not covering up the Xs that you cut out.



Let it all dry and use it to count down the weeks as we wait for the coming of Christ!

