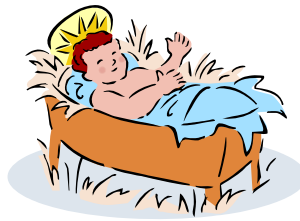




## ADVENT – WAITING FOR OUR INFANT SAVIOR

Advent is a time when our hearts overflow with a special kind of love.  
It is a very good time to reach out to others with love and care,  
while we await the birth of Jesus.



### ***Think It Through:***

Jesus came to us so that we might grow in love. Name a time when someone said or did something that made you feel especially loved and cared for. How did you feel? How does love change people?

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### ***Act:***

Advent reminds us that the greatest gift is the gift of yourself. For each week of Advent, do something kind or generous to express your love for others. Think of these good deeds as *Advent gifts* to others. As a family, spend a few minutes at dinner talking about these *Advent gifts*. What did you do? How did you feel about it? On a piece of paper, draw a picture or write about an *Advent gift* that you gave to someone, and place it near your Christmas tree.

### ***Advent Song:***

Advent is a time to share, time to share, time to share; Advent is a time to share, while we wait for Jesus.  
Advent is a time to pray, time to pray, time to pray; Advent is a time to pray, while we wait for Jesus.  
Advent is a time to love, time to love, time to love; Advent is a time to love, while we wait for Jesus.  
(SING TO THE TUNE OF "MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB")

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***Scripture:*** (Matthew 1: 23b) *And they shall call him Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us."*

***Resources:*** [http://www.catholicmom.com/advent\\_kids.htm](http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm). *Rest Steps for a Rushed People* by Susan K. Rowland, Catholic Update, C1108, St. Anthony Press, 2008. *Celebrating Christmas Well – Chapter 44*, pages 136 to 138 in 52 Simple Ways to Talk to Your Children about Faith, Jim Campbell, Loyola Press, 2008.