The Advent Wreath explained...

1st Candle – (purple) The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God!

2nd Candle – (purple) The Bethlehem Candle or The Candle of Preparation

God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome you, O God!

3rd Candle – (pink) The Shepherd Candle or The Candle of Joy

The shepherds received a message of joy!

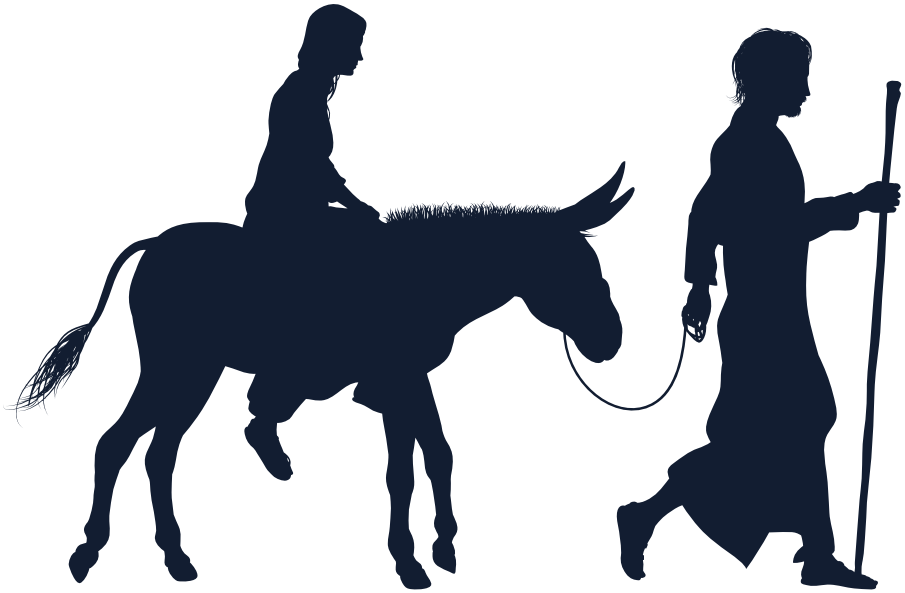
4th Candle – (purple) The Angel Candle or The Candle of Love

The angels announced the good news of a Saviour!

5th Candle – (white) Christ Candle

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins. His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!

Advent Travelling Crib



A guide for the family

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for the future: our next holiday, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face.

The Scripture readings we hear in church during Advent remind us that we are called to be attentive in our spiritual lives as well. We are to wait in hope so that the coming salvation will not catch us unprepared.

This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again.

It is a time when we can recommit ourselves to praying, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments.

How to use the Travelling Crib

Use the travelling Nativity to help your family focus on the true meaning of Christmas in 5 easy steps!

1) Gather together as a family.
2) Set out the little nativity scene
3) Light the candle
4) Read together one or two of the Advent prayers (if you have time you could write your own prayer). These prayers are in the pack.
5) Then, as a family, read the story of Jesus birth. This scripture is in the pack.