

Advent Means Waiting

Babies and Toddlers

Feel free to do this lesson with two children at a time while others play. I recommend using a Centers approach in the classroom. (See preschool lesson).

Objectives

Children will:

- Tape advent chains together.
- Listen to a short account of waiting for Jesus.
- March to a chant.

Materials

Mascot (a puppet or stuffed animal of your choice) with red, yellow, and green strips of cardstock, tape, chant, Advent word (p 5), computer or T.V.

Introduction

- Sing the [Welcome Song](#).
- **Hold up** the mascot with the strips.
- **Say:** Today is the _____ day of Advent. (Fill in the blank with whatever the December date is.)
- **Hold up** the Advent word.
- **Show** the children the correct number of strips, counting them if under ten.

Lesson

Main Point: Advent lasts for many days; Advent means waiting.

- **Invite** the children to help you glue those strips together to make a paperchain using the tape. (You might want to do this in a pattern).
- **Say:** “We will keep adding to our paper chain, but we have to wait for another day! Advent means waiting! I wonder what we are waiting for?”
- **Tell** the children this account about Jesus.

People were waiting for Jesus to come. (Hold up the figures)

People were waiting and waiting!

One day, an angel came to Mary. (Hold up angel and Mary)

The angel told Mary that Jesus was coming soon.

Mary was going to be Jesus’ Mommy.

Closure/Music and Movement

- **Say:** "I have a waiting march to teach you. Each day we do this, we will march to fewer numbers."
- **Stand up** together, and march around in a circle, as you say this chant. Start with whatever the day's date is in December (for example, if it is December 16, you will start with 16).

We're waiting, waiting 1, 2, 3 days.

Waiting, waiting, 4, 5, 6 days.

Waiting, waiting 7, 8, 9 days.

Waiting for Jesus's birthday!

Waiting, waiting 10, 11, 12.

Waiting 13, 14, 15..

Waiting 16, 17, 18

Waiting for Jesus's birthday!

Waiting, waiting 19, 20

Waiting, waiting 21, 22

Waiting, waiting, 23, 24

Waiting for Jesus's birthday!

Preschool and Above

Objectives

Children will:

- Tape advent chains together.
- Watch a video about waiting for Jesus.
- Retell the story.
- March to a chant.
- Describe why they have to wait and how that makes them feel.
- Explore Centers.

Materials

Mascot (a puppet or stuffed animal of your choice) with red, yellow, and green strips of cardstock, tape, chant, Advent word (p 5), people figures including Mary and an angel

Note: In the Learning with Lamby film, Lamby references another show about creation. The children don't need to watch that film in order to understand the one used with this lesson.

Introduction

- Sing the [Welcome Song](#).
- **Hold up** the mascot with the strips.
- **Say:** "Today is the _____ day of Advent." (Fill in the blank with whatever the date is in December)
- **Hold up** the Advent word.
- **Show** the children the correct number of strips.
- **Count** the number together.

Lesson

Main Point: Advent lasts for many days; Advent means waiting.

- **Invite** the children to help you tape those strips together to make a paperchain using the tape; make a red, yellow, green pattern with the strips.
- **Say:** "We will keep adding to our paper chain, but we have to wait for another day! Advent means waiting! I wonder what we are waiting for?"
- **Show** [Learning with Lamby, Waiting for Jesus](#).

Closure/Music and Movement

- **Say:** "I have a waiting march to teach you. Each day we do this, we will march to fewer numbers."
- **Ask:** "Can you tell me about a time you had to wait for something? How did that make you feel?" (Open- ended questions)

- **Stand up** together, and march around in a circle, as you say this chant. Start at whatever December date it is (for example, if it is December 16, you will start with 16).

*We're waiting, waiting 1, 2, 3 days.
Waiting, waiting, 4, 5, 6 days.
Waiting, waiting 7, 8, 9 days.
Waiting for Jesus's birthday!*

*Waiting, waiting 10, 11, 12.
Waiting 13, 14, 15..
Waiting 16, 17, 18
Waiting for Jesus's birthday!*

*Waiting, waiting 19, 20
Waiting, waiting 21, 22
Waiting, waiting, 23, 24
Waiting for Jesus's birthday!*

Cut out this word to use with the lesson:

Advent

Photos



QR Codes for Links

	Welcome Song https://youtube.com/watch?v=si-k1sqvbO0
	Waiting for Jesus https://youtube.com/watch?v=Mug8LLI9yjA