The Season of Advent – Student Activity

Students use the “Sounds, Sights and Feelings” Retrieval Chart to explore the way sounds, sights and feelings help people understand and make meaning of the liturgical season of Advent. Students use the retrieval chart questions as a stimulus for research and exploration.

Teachers are provided with helpful information for this activity. This information is written in italics in the retrieval chart.

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<td>What words will I hear?</td>
<td>What will I see in churches, parishes and schools?</td>
<td>What is the special ‘feeling’ or atmosphere of this season?</td>
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<td>What songs will be sung?</td>
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<td>What are the names of some key Biblical characters from the readings of this season?</td>
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**Maranatha (Come Lord Jesus)**  
**Emmanuel (God is with us)**  
‘Prepare the way in the desert’  
Isaiah  
John the Baptist  
Mary  
Joseph

**Jesse tree**  
**Advent wreath**  
**Blue candles**  
**Blue banners**  

**Beginning of the Church’s liturgical year.**  
**4 Sundays of Advent**  
**Anticipation**  
**Expectation**  
**Waiting**  
**Getting ready**  

Advent is NOT primarily a season of penance – Lent is!