## The Season of Christmas – 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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<th>What are the SOUNDS of Christmas?</th>
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<th>What are FEELINGS of Christmas?</th>
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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)*
*Isaiah*
*John the Baptist*
*Mary*
*Joseph*
*Angels*
*Shepherds*
*Wise men*
*Herod*
*‘Silent Night’*

*Jesse tree – changed into Christmas tree*
*Advent wreath – with Christmas candle added*
*Nativity scenes*
*White banners*
*White candles*

*Christmas: Vigil / Midnight / Dawn / Day (Masses)*
*Holy Family*
*Mary Mother of God*
*Epiphany*
*Baptism of the Lord*

*Joy*
*Celebration*
*Gift Giving*
*Care for others*
*Care for poor*