

# First Sunday of Advent Year B

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Watch And Wait



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#### **Please Note:**

This resource may be integrated into a Eucharistic Liturgy or adapted for a School Assembly or Class Prayer.

*Before the liturgy, set up the sacred space covered with Advent cloth. You could also include a large clock face to represent the theme of waiting. Place a large Advent Wreath without any candles. These will be added each week.*

#### **Introductory Rite:**

##### **Gathering Hymn and Procession**

**Watch Out! Wake Up!** – (M. Mangan – This is the Time)

**OR Advent Chant** (P. Porter – AOVK 3)

#### **Welcome & Introduction:**

**Leader:** Today we begin the season of Advent and we welcome the first candle for our Advent wreath. *(Pause. Candle to be lit here.)* **We are reminded in the Gospel to be ready, to be watchful, to be waiting for the coming of the Lord.**

#### **Penitential Rite:**

**Leader:** We remember that sometimes we are people who become distracted by things that are not important.

Lord Jesus, you are our teacher and friend. Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you are our star to guide us. Christ have mercy.

**All:** Christ have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting.

**All:** Amen.

#### **Opening Prayer:**

**Leader:**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you sent us your Son Jesus to show us how to live. May we be always ready to seek to do your will and not lose sight of what is important in our lives. Inspire us through the words of the prophet

Isaiah to await Jesus with joy and hope. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

**All:** Amen.

**Liturgy of the Word:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Help Me Know Your Ways (M. Mangan – Forever I Will Sing) OR Wait in Hope (N. Ford – AOVK 3)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Advent Alleluia (M. Mangan – This is the Time) OR *Sing one familiar to the community.*

**Gospel:** Mark 13: 33-37

**Breaking Open The Word:**

- Ask children to think about a time when they were told to hurry up.
- Ask the children to think about a time when they wanted someone else to hurry up.
- When you are waiting for something really special what does impatience feel like?
- Are we bothered with what is happening now or just thinking about the future event?
- Sometimes it is hard to wait and we can miss out on what is happening now.
- Jesus says to use every moment now to do good deeds, to help others, to be open to the good we can do in the present.
- When you do good deeds now, you are helping to make God's presence real in the world.
- Let us take a few minutes to pray that we have open eyes and hearts so that we don't miss opportunities to help others. *(A few minutes of quiet time.)*

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

**Leader:** Loving God, we come to you with hearts full of hope knowing that you will always listen to us.

**Reader:** We pray that we focus on what is important – loving God and loving others. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray that we pay attention to today and help others when we can. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray that we see the presence of the Lord in all our kind and generous deeds. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray, that as we watch and wait for the Lord, we receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit which help us to be patient. *(pause)* Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to be people of hope.

**All:** Amen.

### **Concluding Rite:**

#### **Final Prayer:**

**Leader:** Gracious and loving God, you sent us Jesus who is the hope of the world. As we look forward to the great celebration of Christmas, help us to be watchful people ready to seize opportunities to do your will, offering courage and hope to all. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

**All:** Amen.

### **Blessing & Dismissal:**

**Leader:** Let us go now in peace, ever willing to do God's will.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Recessional Hymn:** Tell the Good News (A. Chinn – Wherever I Go) OR Fill Every Valley (Michael Mangan – This is the Time)