SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES
First Sunday of Advent  Matthew 24:37-44

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Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. We read from Matthew 24:37-44. Today is the beginning of the Advent season and the start of a new "Liturgical Year". In this Sunday's message from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to, "Stay awake!" We never know when Jesus will return in glory, so we should use Advent as our season to prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ child at the Christmas season. We want to use these weeks to prepare our hearts and to live as Jesus teaches us. We want to celebrate the things about Christmas that are truly important. We pray for the strength to live according to God's commandments so that we will be ready to joyfully welcome Jesus when he returns in glory!

FOR MORE FUN

★ Does your family use an Advent Wreath to mark the weeks until Christmas? If not, color in the next page - and each Sunday color in the next candle to mark which week of Advent we are in! Week one the first candle would be purple.

★ Take time this week to think of something unique and special you can do to prepare your heart for Christ' Birth - perhaps a local charity you could volunteer at - or an elderly neighbor you could visit with - something other than purchasing a gift.
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