|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Standard** | **Activity** | **Home Extension** |
| **Faith Formation Standard: "L-LR Liturgical Resources: Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]"** **PK.L.LR.1 Identify the special seasons in the Liturgical Calendar: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter and special feasts of Mary and the saints.** | **What is Advent?** **Advent is a time of waiting and preparation of the birth of Jesus.****Paint Purple Advent candle for classroom Week 1 of Advent- 1 Purple candles.****(Hope) ( See back for prayer)**  | **Set up an Advent wreath in your home and light the candles each week as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.**  |
| **Standard: Vocabulary: 2. Uses increased vocabulary to describe objects, actions and events (expressive) 8-18 month Benchmark a.Builds and uses vocabulary through repeated exposure with language, pictures and books (may have a speaking vocabulary of between 10-50 words) 18-24 month Benchmark a.Uses a number of different words and begins using two or more words together** | **Repeat words from The Nativity story or finger-play. Provide opportunities each day for finger-plays, songs and stories.** | **Read books to children and ask them questions about the pictures.****Sing songs with children and have the children repeat words from the songs.** |
| **Standard : A. Sensory Art Experience 1. Combines a variety of open-ended, process-oriented and diverse art materials to explore technique with intention.** | **Christmas Scented oatmeal and cheerio sand Use Christmas Cookie cutters to paint with scented paints. Add pieces of different colors of garland to the sensory bin.** | **Crush Cheerios to create “sand” children can manipulate the sand and it is safe if they eat it. Add different Christmas scents to the sand for variety.**  |

****

 *The first week of Advent we remember the gift of hope we have in Christ. The*

*prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in*

*the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.*

*As followers of Christ, we wait with hope for his return. As we light this candle, we remember*

*that it was from the manger at Bethlehem that he came and gave light to the world. As we light this candle,*

*we are reminded to be alert and to watch for the light of Christ even in the most unlikely places and people.*