

Our Advent Prayer Place

YOU WILL NEED:

- a small table
- a box or basket, containing a **purple** cloth, Bible, bookstand, candle and gift box, next to your chair

Invite children to sit reverently in a circle in the part of the classroom where you intend to set up a prayer place. Begin by saying...

As Advent begins we're going to change our prayer place. This is a place where we can be quiet with God. We can listen to God and pray.

During the season of Advent we'll have some different objects and symbols to help us to pray.

*Cover the table with the **purple** cloth.*

At this time of the Church's year we place a **purple cloth on the table.**

Purple is the colour for getting ready. Advent is a time for getting ready. Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year.

During Advent we are getting ready to celebrate Christmas.

Hold the Bible up for all children to see. Be conscious of handling the Bible in a reverent manner.

The Bible is our special book. At this time in the Church's year we tell the stories of people who were getting ready for the birth of Jesus.

Demonstrate how to carry, lift and hold the Bible in a reverent manner.

Place the Bible on a stand on the table.

Take out the candle and show to children.

The candle reminds us that Jesus is always with us. We will light the candle when we are talking and praying to God, and when we are listening to the stories from the Bible.

Place the candle on the table.

Take out the gift box and show to children.

Advent is a time when we prepare to receive God's gift of Jesus to us at Christmas.

Place the gift box in the space.

Other symbols may be added appropriate to the season and unit.

This is our prayer place for Advent.

Point to the symbols and objects as you name them again.

It has a **purple cloth, a Bible, a candle, and a gift box to symbolize God's gift of Jesus.**