

# Making an Advent Wreath

Many homes include the lighting of an Advent wreath as part of their prayer and reflection time, during the four weeks of the Advent season. The two key elements of the wreath are the ring of greens and the five candles. The candles are lit, with one added each week, on Sunday, as we count down to Christmas day. On Christmas day, we light the white or Christ candle to signify Christ's arrival.

The candlelight is a reminder of both the passing of time and the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. The evergreens and the shape of the wreath/circle, have long been symbols of eternity. So as we light the wreath, we are reminded of the birth of Christ, brought to us by an everlasting God with an everlasting love.



## Love

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### Pause

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**All: those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them, light has shined.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**All: to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

One: We light this Advent candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

*[One person lights one of the three **purple** candles & the **pink** candle]*

To the candles of hope, joy, & peace, we add the candle of love.

Love is the foundation of everything we know,  
and love is what makes everything possible.

The love of God is so great that God sent God's only Son,  
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

What wondrous love indeed.

The light of Christ is coming into the world.

### Ponder

John 3:16-19

God shows love for us in sending Jesus. How have you shown your love for God this week?

### Pray

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to show love to all those we see and speak to this week, wherever we may go. Amen.

