



This Advent, Christmas, Epiphany ENCORE at a Glance



Date	November 27, 2011	December 4, 2011	December 11, 2011
Liturgical date	Advent 1	Advent 2	Advent 3
Title	Longing	Words of Comfort	Hope Restored
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
Ages 3-5	Advent and Isaiah's message of hope explored through litany story, mural messages, making bells, Advent calendar	Isaiah's message of comfort explored through role play, calming ritual, making cards, decorating pillow covers	exploring joy through singing, dancing, making shakers, sharing in pastoral care visits
Ages 6-8	exploring Advent and waiting through participatory story, art image, advent wreath, outreach project, daily calendar	exploring Isaiah's message of hope and comfort through clay, action story, star messages, poster, hope ornament	celebrating joy through litany psalm reading, art engagement, booklets, musical instruments
Ages 9-11	exploring Isaiah's message of hope through art engagement, clay symbols, making hope cards or Advent banner	proclaiming God's care through writing chants, making comfort cards or Advent banner	rejoicing together through games, abstract paintings, making joy ornaments or Advent banner
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	discovering words of hope from Isaiah through prophet research, hope cards, prayers, music, service project	being messengers of God's comfort through echo poems, star messages, meditation, songs of comfort	celebrating God's gifts through joy paintings, finger prayers, musical instruments, making thank you gifts
Ages 12-14	discovering hope in God's presence through reflection on art posters, clay symbols of hope, Advent service project	exploring Isaiah's message of hope and comfort through contemporary stories, guest speakers, collage, comfort cards	celebrating with the psalmist through writing poetry, making joy ornaments, Christmas project for congregation
Ages 15-18	exploring longing for God's presence through meditation, writing Advent prayers, service project	examining God's messages of hope and promise through reflection, abstract art images, writing thank you cards	exploring psalm's message of joy and expectancy through psalm reflection, justice letters, art image discussion
Adult	exploring signs of God's presence through prophet research, apocalyptic writing, Advent reflection, service project	discerning role in offering comfort through music selections, word reflection, engagement with all six posters	exploring God's faithfulness through reading the psalms, writing own psalm, planning Blue Christmas service





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Date	December 18, 2011	December 25, 2011	January 1, 2012
Liturgical date	Advent 4	Christmas Day	Christmas 1 Epiphany observed
Title	God with Us	Sing with Joy	Called to Gift
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 Luke 1:47–55 <i>or</i> Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26 Romans 16:25–27 Luke 1:26–38	Psalm 98 Isaiah 52:7–10 Hebrews 1:1–4, (5–12) John 1:1–14	Matthew 2:1–12 Isaiah 60:1–6 Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14 Ephesians 3:1–12
Ages 3–5	hearing about Jesus' birth through art engagement, song, preparing story booklets, making ornaments, sock dolls	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Ages 6–8	exploring angel's announcement through art, wondering questions, Christmas card display, gift coupons, angel figures	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Ages 9–11	reflecting on our part in birthing God's love through gift messages, star ornaments or finishing Advent banner	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	exploring the angel's message through art engagement, making crèches, singing, making Christmas cards	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Ages 12–14	exploring God's purposes through Mary's song, art engagement, drama, star messages	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Ages 15–18	pondering God's unfolding purpose through drama, poetry, creating meditation cards	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets
Adult	hearing Mary's witness through poster engagements, poetry reading, prayer reflection, meditation cards	celebrating the joy of Christmas through poster engagement, choral psalm reading, singing, writing poems, making hats	exploring the story of the magi through story, star ornaments, painting, discussion, making outreach gift sachets





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Date	January 8, 2012	January 15, 2012	January 22, 2012
Liturgical date	1st Sunday after the Epiphany 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Title	New Beginnings	Called and Recalled	Moving Forward
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Mark 1:4-11 Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7	1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Ages 3-5	Jesus' baptism explored through participatory story, dove paintings, mural, glitter globe	Samuel's call explored through sounds, action story, making puppets, poster of messages	exploring call of disciples through following game, story with sounds and actions, fishing game, footprints
Ages 6-8	exploring Jesus' baptism through story props, ritual, dove cards, water projects, dove-shaped soap	exploring Samuel's call through listening, art engagement, word puzzle, response centre, pillow messages	exploring call of fishers through game, participatory story, drama, mobile, fish poster
Ages 9-11	pondering what it means to be God's beloved children through discussion, writing a litany, making baptism cards	learning from Samuel about being called by God through reflection, clay lamp symbol, stories of church workers	learning from the fishers about God's call through art engagement, song reflection, local outreach opportunities
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	pondering being God's beloved children through discussion of baptism, writing litanies, making baptism cards	recognizing God's call through Samuel's story, drama, clay lamp symbol, puzzle, stories of church workers	learning more about God's call through imagination, making a poster, haiku poetry, game, song reflection
Ages 12-14	exploring baptism through biblical story, contemporary stories of affirmation, labyrinth reflection, making cards	recognizing and responding to God's call through Samuel's story, exploring listening skills, paper bag skits	reflecting on discipleship through art engagement, gift survey, poems, collage
Ages 15-18	exploring new beginnings through affirming experiences, reflection, discussion about baptism, reaching out	recognizing and responding to God's call through media presentation, skits, reflection, guest speakers	exploring the call to discipleship through poetry, discerning gifts, collage
Adult	exploring new beginnings through discussion about baptism, art engagement, making baptism cards, outreach into community	responding to God's ongoing call through verse reflection, reading the psalm, discussing mentorship, reflecting on own call	exploring discipleship through questions, word study, metaphor, discussion about Christian unity, collage





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Date	January 29, 2012	February 5, 2012	February 12, 2012	February 19, 2012
Liturgical date	4th Sunday after the Epiphany 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday after the Epiphany 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6th Sunday after the Epiphany 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday
Title	With Authority	Sustaining Ministry	Healing Presence	Thin Places
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Mark 1:21–28 Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1–13	Isaiah 40:21–31 Psalm 147:1–11, 20c Mark 1:29–39 1 Corinthians 9:16–23	Mark 1:40–45 2 Kings 5:1–14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24–27	Mark 9:2–9 2 Kings 2:1–12 Psalm 50:1–6 2 Corinthians 4:3–6
Ages 3–5	exploring Jesus' teaching and healing through magnets, story puppets, flower bouquets, collage	learning about caring through role play, poster engagement, paper doll chain, ministry of serving	exploring God's healing love through talking about emotions, poster engagement, helping hands, necklaces	Jesus' transfiguration explored through listening game, drama, art engagement, story puppets, response centre
Ages 6–8	reflecting on Jesus' teaching and healing through magnets, rhythm poem, helping booklet, people-shaped mural	sharing in Jesus' ministry of love through story figures, game, prayer wheel, footprint reminders, sharing snack	learning about compassion through considering emotions, paper circle of friends, slogan buttons	exploring Jesus' transfiguration through ways of listening, dramatic story, mystery messages, necklaces, art projects
Ages 9–11	wondering about Jesus' authority through writing poems, crayon-resist art, gospel stories research	following Jesus' example to pray and serve through making prayer ribbons or prayer box, serving projects	exploring compassion through community stories, role play, song, shaped poems	exploring Jesus' transfiguration through art engagement, making mobiles or sun catchers
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	discovering more about Jesus' ministry through rhythm poem, scratch art, prayer reminder, paper hug	following Jesus' example of prayer and service through hand signs, diorama, prayer wheel, service project	exploring compassion through drama, paper "circle of friends," art poster reflection, button messages	exploring amazing experiences through listening games, mobile, painting reflection, story review, making necklaces
Ages 12–14	exploring Jesus' authority through scripture research, abstract art, discussion with contemporary teachers and healers	learning from Jesus about renewal and service through word pictures, art meditation, making prayer box, service project	exploring compassion through "Ask the Rabbi," contemporary story, labyrinth reflection, creating prayer poster	exploring sacred spaces through Bible research, art and music, creating symbols, poems, or window hangers
Ages 15–18	examining Jesus' teaching and healing through art reflection, authority guest speakers, healing projects	exploring service and renewal through poetry meditation, prayer spirals, service projects	exploring a story of healing through reflection on healing experiences, skits, investigating "healing touch" ministry	experiencing story of Jesus' transfiguration through art images, exploring "thin places," response centre
Adult	exploring God-given authority through biblical research, contemporary stories, art engagement, writing prayers	exploring the balancing of prayer and service through discussion of ministries of service, reflection on a poem, serving	investigating healing through character study, reflection on healing experiences, planning healing service projects	exploring concept of "thin places" through biblical research, art engagement, contemporary insight, personal reflection

