

The children will light the Cathedral Advent Wreath candles with the priest each Sunday before Children's Liturgy.



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)



NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS WREATH



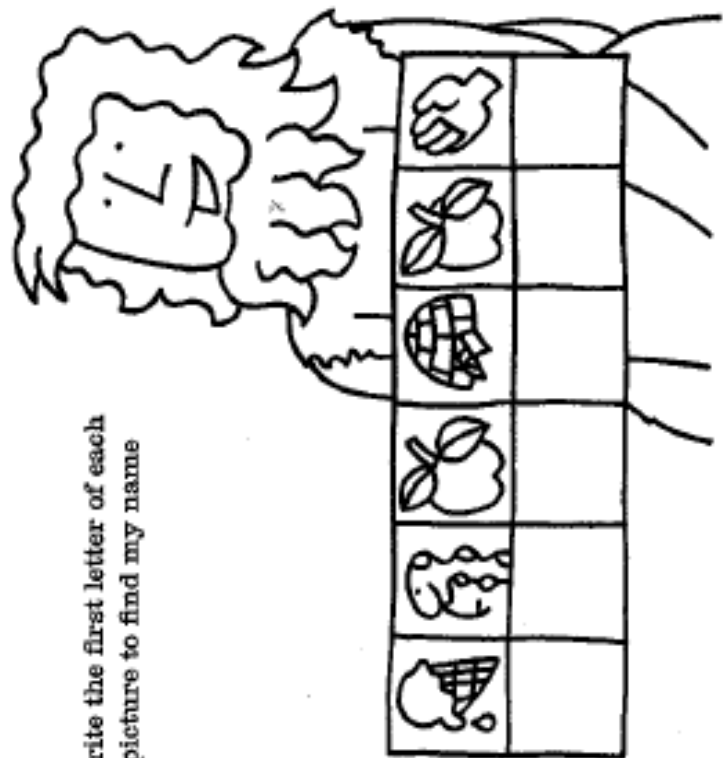
THINK and **LOOK** ahead

Stay awake!

MARK 13:33-37

I am the prophet who told the people that
"a voice would cry out in the wilderness."

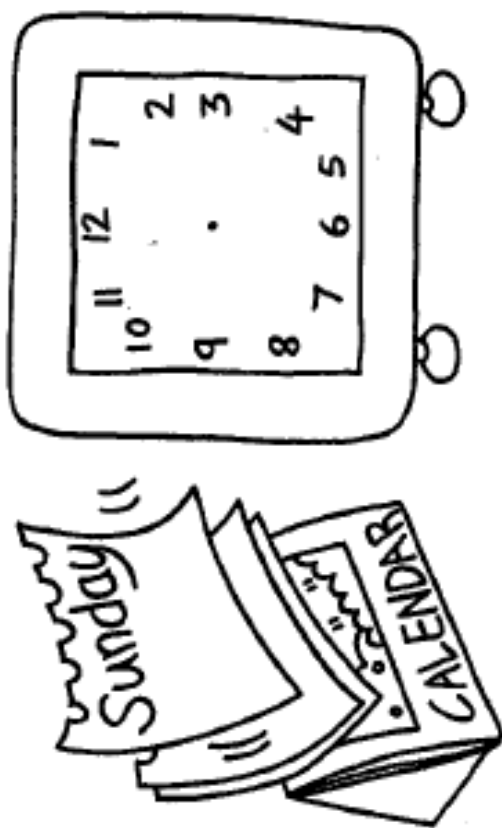
Who am I?



Write the first letter of each
picture to find my name

Only God knows when
Jesus will come again!

Write today's date on the calendar and
draw some hands on the clock to show the time



We must watch for Jesus
and be ready to welcome him
whenever he returns!

Jesus told us to
"stay awake"!

Draw lines to match the same shapes



How many people have fallen asleep?
Circle each sleeping person.

