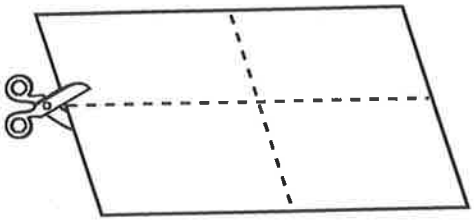
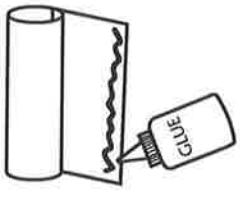
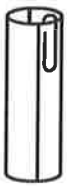
Make an Advent Wreath

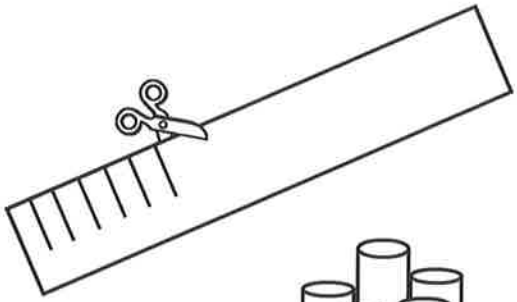
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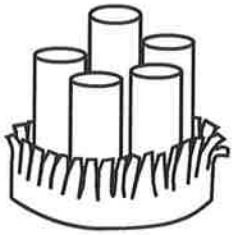
- ❑ purple or blue, orange, dark green, and white construction paper
- ❑ scissors
- ❑ glue or glue stick
- ❑ paper clip, envelope
- ❑ grocery sack













1. **Make the four candles for the four Sundays in Advent.** Use a 9" x 12" sheet of purple or dark blue construction paper, according to the color your church uses in worship. Cut the paper into quarters. Roll each piece, starting at the short end, to make 4½-inch tall candles, about 1 inch in diameter. Glue the edge of each roll and use a paper clip to hold it in place until glue dries.

2. **Make one Christ candle for the center of the wreath.** Trim a 9" x 12" piece of white construction paper to 9" x 10". Cut it into quarters. Roll one piece, starting at the long end, to make a 5-inch tall candle. Glue the edge and use a paper clip to hold it in place until the glue dries.

3. **Make the wreath.** Cut a 2" x 12" piece of dark green construction paper. Cut about halfway into the strip along the long edge to make "fringe." Glue the strip into a ring around the five candles. Hold it closed with a paper clip until dry, then fold the fringes out like foliage.

4. **Cut strips for the flames.** From orange construction paper, cut about 40 thin strips that are 6 inches long. Keep strips in an envelope for use during Advent.

5. **Take home your wreath,** envelope with strips, and this sheet. Invite your family to join you in the activities described in the box.

On the **first Sunday of Advent,** give thanks to God for something in your life, and place orange strips in one purple or blue candle.

On the **second Sunday of Advent,** tell ways you are getting ready for Christmas, and place orange strips in another candle.

On the **third Sunday of Advent,** name persons or places in need of God's love, and place orange strips in a third candle.

On the **fourth Sunday of Advent,** tell about something kind you did for another person this week, and place orange strips in the fourth candle.

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