

A Thrill of HOPE

Family Worship Activities

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2, 2018

The Anticipation of HOPE

Sunday Scripture Reading: *Luke 21:25-36*

Supplies Needed Per Child:

- Bible
- Whiteboard and dry erase markers, or paper and crayons
- Paper
- Markers
- Popsicle sticks
- Glue Stick
- Pipe cleaners
- Small chalkboard or black construction paper
- Small cup of water, and paintbrush or cotton swabs

Try this: There are signs all around us. Notice the signs that tell you that Christmas is coming and that the season has changed. Look back in **Luke 2:8-15** for some clues and think about other signs that God gave to show that Jesus was coming. Read **Luke 21:25-36** to read about signs that Jesus is coming again. On your whiteboard or paper draw a picture of the signs that the Savior was born and the signs that Jesus is coming again.

Ask: What signs do you see in church and around town that Christmas is coming? What signs did God give to show that the Savior was born? What signs does **Luke 21:25-36** tell us we'll see when Jesus is coming again?

Try this: Use your paper, markers, popsicle sticks, and glue stick to create your own sign to the world that Jesus is coming again.

Ask: What can we do to help us anticipate Jesus coming again? What types of things can we avoid?

Try this: Use your pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, and markers to make an Advent wreath with pretend candles. You will need four popsicle sticks to act as your "candles." Attach the popsicle sticks to the pipe cleaners by wrapping the pipe cleaner around the bottom of each stick. Today, we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope. Color the tip of one popsicle stick to signify it being lit. Write "hope" on that popsicle stick.

Ask: What do you hope for? What about Jesus's return gives us hope?

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. Luke 21:33 (NLT)

Try this: Use your wet paint brush or cotton swabs to paint the words to the verse on a chalkboard or a piece of black paper. What happens as the water dries?

Ask: What does Jesus mean when he says his words will never disappear?