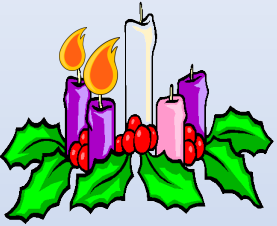




Daily Prayers

Monday 8th December
2nd Week of Advent:
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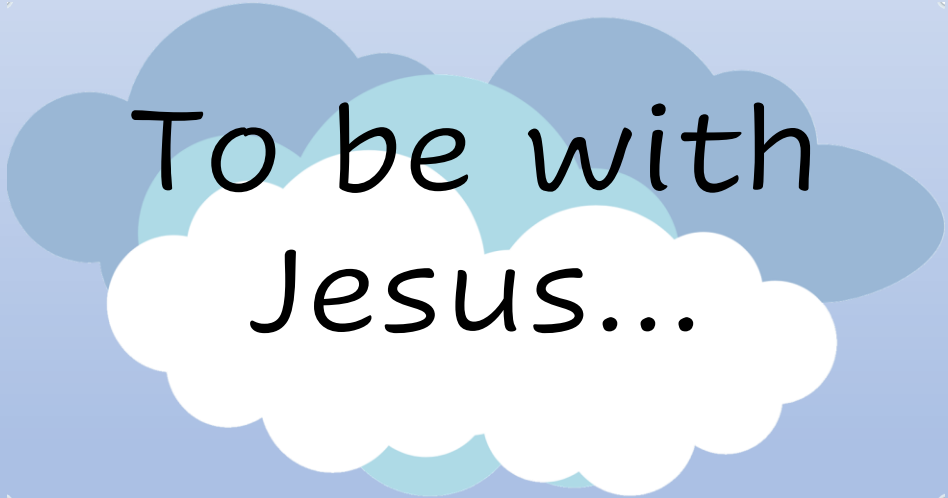
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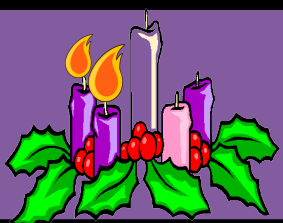
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Word for the Week

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The Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptised by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore. every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptising you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Understanding the Gospel:

In the Gospel this Sunday John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to **Repent - Turn around - Get ready.**

Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. We must bear good fruit through our daily interactions with others. We are reminded that Advent is a time of waiting, hope and love.

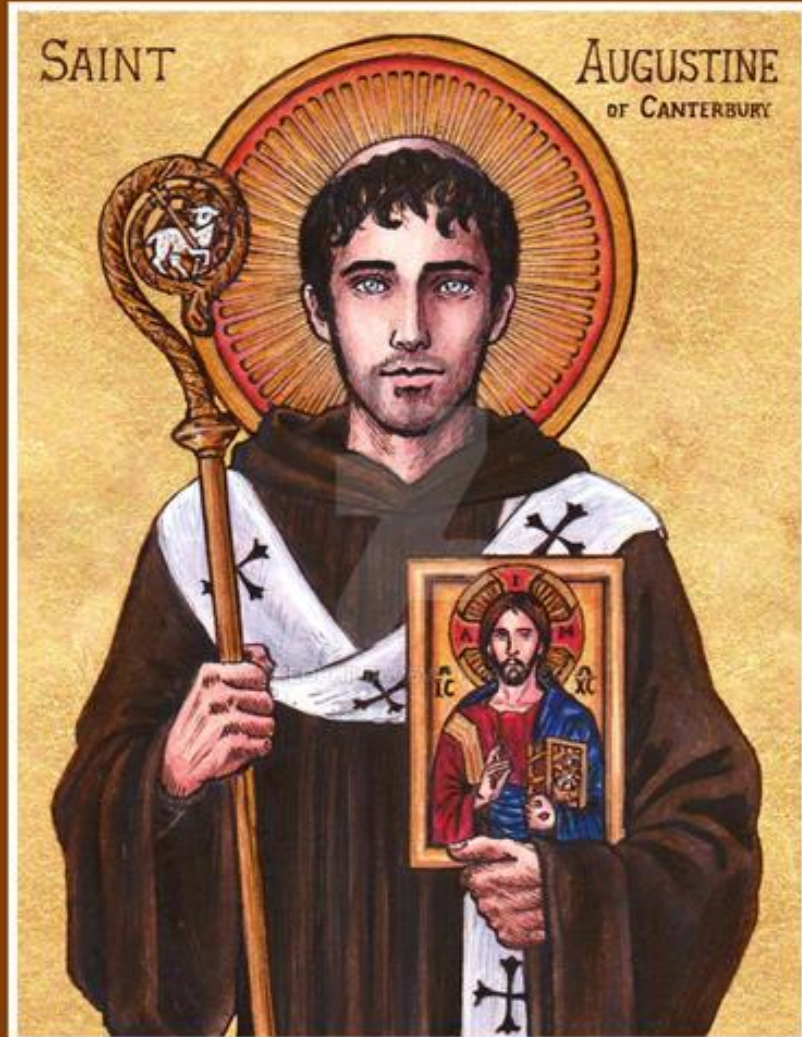


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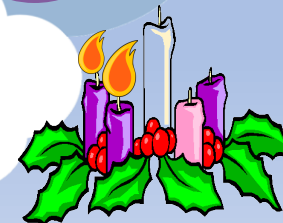
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Let us pray...



*I wonder... how
will you bear
fruit this
Advent?*



Almighty God,
by the preaching of St
Augustine of Canterbury,
you led the people of
England to the gospel.
Grant, we pray, the grace to
love and serve through
Christ.

In imitation of our great
patron, may we do so in a
spirit of love, respect, service,
joy, and responsibility.
Amen

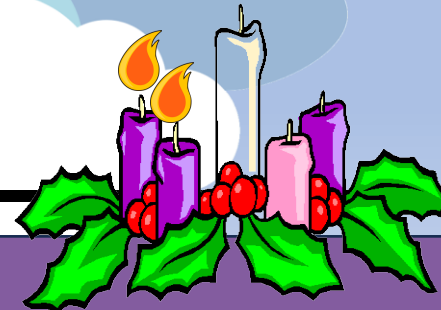
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Monday 8th December

Today's Advent Challenge:

Go and speak to someone you have not spoken to for a while – check in and see how they are. You might just make someone's day!

"IT'S GOOD
TO TALK"



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2nd Week of Advent
PEACE



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Christmas Crib Scene Contest.



- Create your own crib scene in any way you choose - *picture or 3D model, on paper, in a shoe box - be creative!*
- Please bring your crib into school by **FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER** for our end of term Mass.
 - Every entry gets a prize and will be put on the *school and parish website*. It can be an individual or a group entry.
- Then place your crib scene in a window at home to remind others of the true meaning of Christmas.





Chaplaincy Notices

What's on this week?

Write these in your planner:

- Monday – **Faith in Action Team** – B3 - 12.40pm – bring your lunch – meet and eat! ALL ARE WELCOME!
 - Tuesday – **Rosary** – 12.30pm – chapel – All welcome.
 - Wednesday – **Grace Notes** - Bible Study with Mr Edwards – B3 – 12.40pm
 - Wednesday - P4/P5 – **Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation or Blessing** – in Chapel from 1.20pm. Please sign up on Chapel Noticeboard – Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11
 - Friday – **Jolly Jumper and Seasonal Socks!** – Pay £1 to charity on Parent Pay.
- We are supporting CAFOD World Gifts and the RNLI.

• DAILY In Advent -
CAFOD Advent
Calendar -
Chapel – 11.15am

Catholic Feast days this week

The Immaculate Conception – 8th December

St Lucy - 13th December

St John of the Cross -14th December.

READERS NEEDED

Y7, Y8 and Y9 readers are needed for the School Carol Service.

Y10 and Y11 readers needed for School Christmas Mass. Sign up on the Chaplaincy Noticeboard.

Every Day in Chaplaincy

– you are invited to...

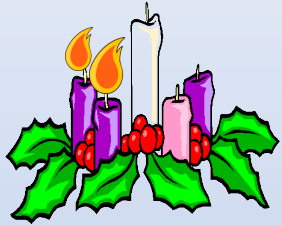
- Visit the chapel and spend time in the presence of Jesus / Write a prayer request/



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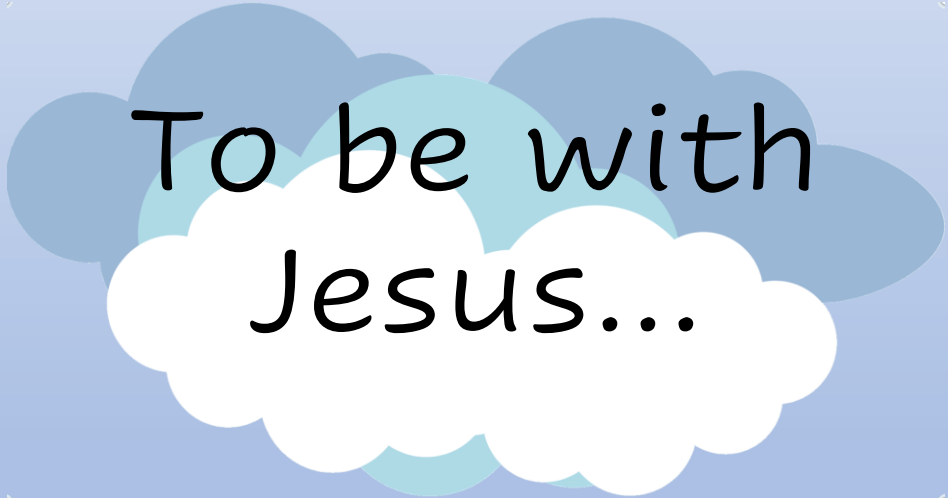
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Seasons Tuesday

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Yesterday was the Marian Feast of the Immaculate Conception. God has chosen each of us to be holy. He chose Mary from the beginning of time as the mother of Jesus. She was spotless, immaculate and pure, perfectly fitting to carry God's only son. She turned her back on sin and rejected evil. She is filled with God's grace and love. Mary is the new Eve. May her example inspire us this Advent



**Remember those in need -
Do your Reverse Advent
Calendar for the
Rainbow Centre...**

Let us pray...



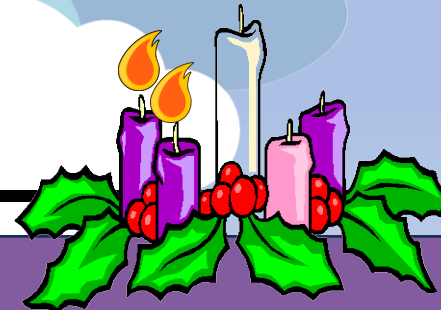
Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
Blessed are you among
women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our
death.
Amen.
St Augustine, pray for us
St Cuthbert, pray for us.

Tuesday 9th December



Today's Advent Challenge:

Say sorry to someone you have hurt, let down, or been unkind to. Forgiveness can help you move forward!



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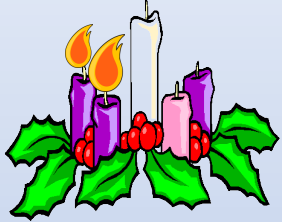
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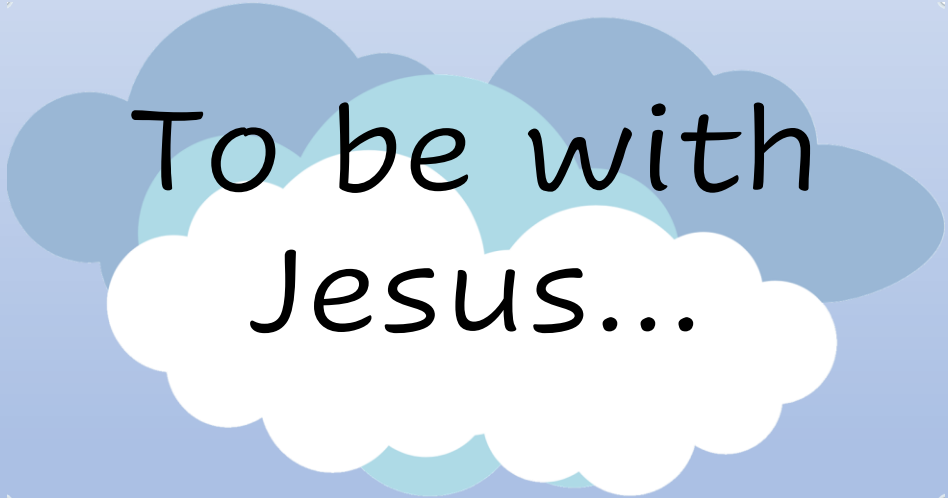
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Catholic Social Teaching

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Our Catholic Social Teaching theme this half term is –

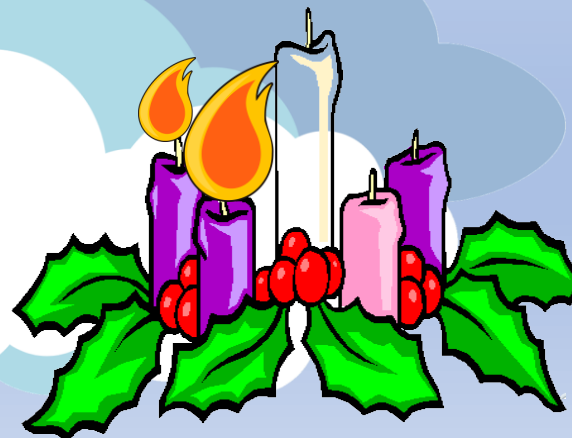
Call to Family, Community and Participation.

- Family is the beginning of community and school is the next step.
- We take what we have learnt as people of faith and put it into practice in the communities around us, where we can be the hands and feet of Christ among those in need.
- God has placed different people around us. It is our duty to participate in our communities for the common good of all.
- By participating, being active in local decisions, by voting when you are 18, you are making a difference to others.
- By participating in our school Advent initiatives, you are contributing to society, and upholding our school mission.

Let us pray...



*I wonder how we
can participate in
our families and
community during
Advent...*



God of mercy,
guide us as we seek
to straighten the paths of
injustice
and prepare a way for you.

Lead us in your ways
as together we bring about
change
for the good of all.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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Wednesday 10th December



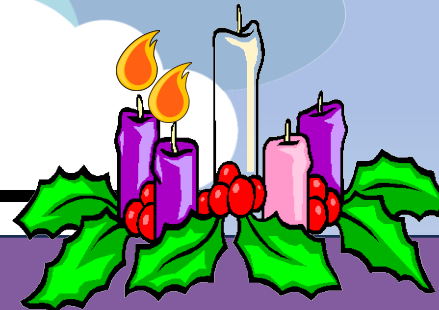
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If you see someone by themselves today, invite them to join you and your friends. They might be feeling lonely and you can help them feel loved.



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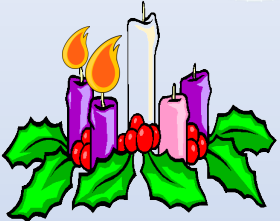
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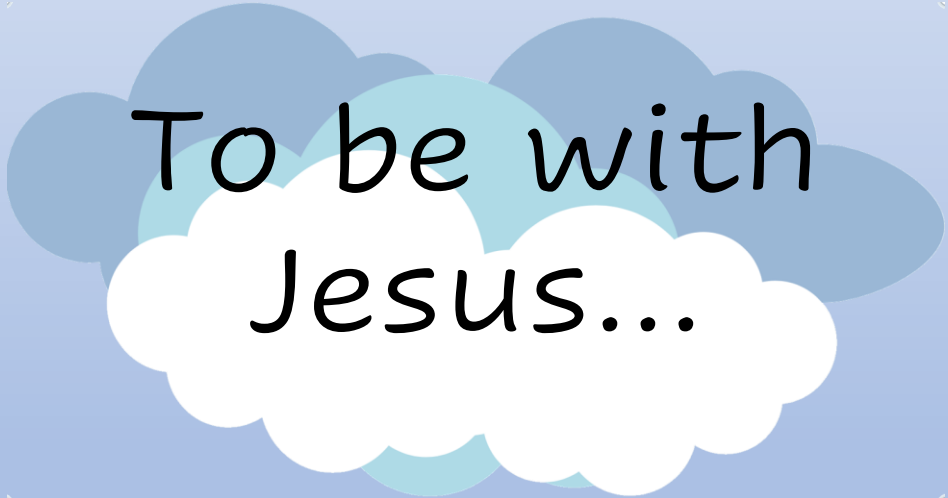
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Scripture Thursday

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Scripture of the Week:

Read the scripture →

- Take a moment to let these words from this week's gospel enter your heart...

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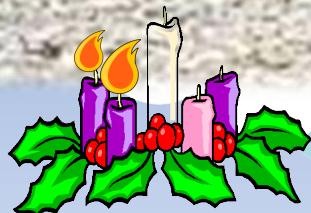
- *I wonder what God is saying to you through these words?*

Read the scripture →

- *I wonder which word you will take with you today?*

"...but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I... He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11



Let us pray...



Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

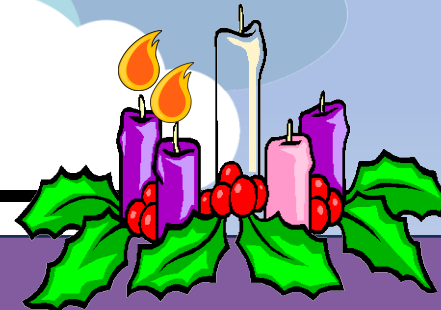
*St Augustine, **pray for us.***
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Lend a hand – ask your year team and your teachers if there is anything you can do to help them.



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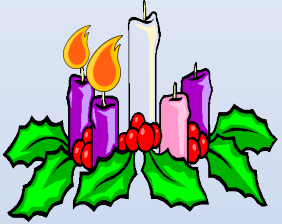
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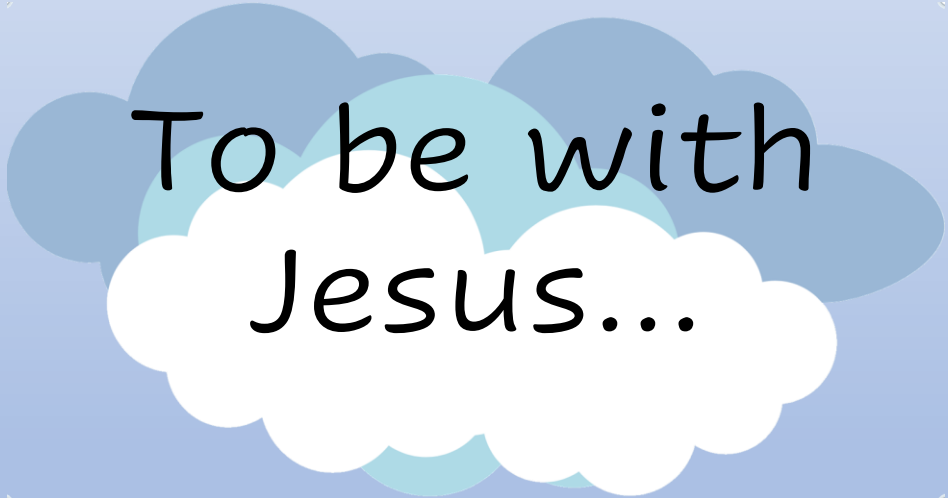
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Examen Friday

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1. What joy have you found this week? Where have you felt God's love?



An Advent Examen

Place your hands together, you can put your head on the desk if you wish! As you listen to the music reflect on the 5 stages.

EXAMEN

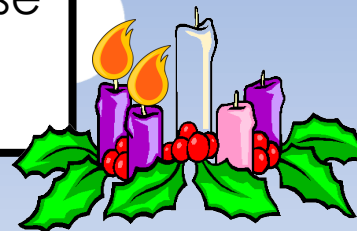
1. *GIVE THANKS.*
2. *Ask for help.*
3. *Reflect.*
4. *Say Sorry.*
5. *DECIDE.*

2. Now think about your week. What did you recognise as gifts (thinking about the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to Jesus)? Thank God for the gifts he has given to you this week. Which of those gifts have you brought to Jesus in gratitude?

3. Take a moment to reflect on the times when God was especially present to you. Recognise how you felt in those moments.



4. Now take a moment to think about the times when God seemed to be hidden. Where did you struggle to see Jesus in your life? When might you have seen the need for love and didn't respond (maybe like the innkeeper)?

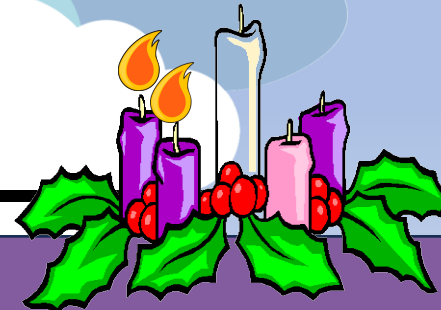


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Spend time with your family this evening instead of going on your phone. Have a phoneless night and focus your attention on those at home.



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