

Advent Learning Activity: Advent Prayer Cube

Activity Objective

To reflect on the Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent

This activity would work best for the following options:

- ✓ All Ages Opening Learning Experience
- ✓ Whole Group In-depth Learning Experience
- ✓ Age-Specific In-depth Learning Experience (Families with Children, Teens)
- ✓ Learning Center In-depth Activity Option

Supplies and Preparation

- Bibles
- List of the Sunday readings for the Sundays of Advent (Advent 2007)
 - Matthew 24:36-44
 - Matthew 3:1-12
 - Matthew 11:2-11
 - Matthew 1:18-25
- Prayer cubes (see pattern that follows after instructions), one per household or participant (children will probably want to create one for themselves)
- Markers, crayons, glue or tape
- Scrap paper, pens

Activity Plan

1. For **each** of the Sundays of Advent, invite the group to engage in this process:
 - A. Read the Gospel reading.
 - B. Discuss what they think the Gospel's main message is.
 - C. Invite families or individuals to write a prayer for that Sunday of Advent on a piece of scrap paper. When satisfied with the prayer, have participants copy it on one side of their cube.

Example: First Sunday of Advent:

- A. Read: Matthew 24:36-44.
- B. In this reading from Matthew, he is challenging us to be awake, for we do not know when the Son of Man is coming.
- C. Prayer: God, help us to be awake, so that we might be ready to be present to Jesus in our lives. Amen.

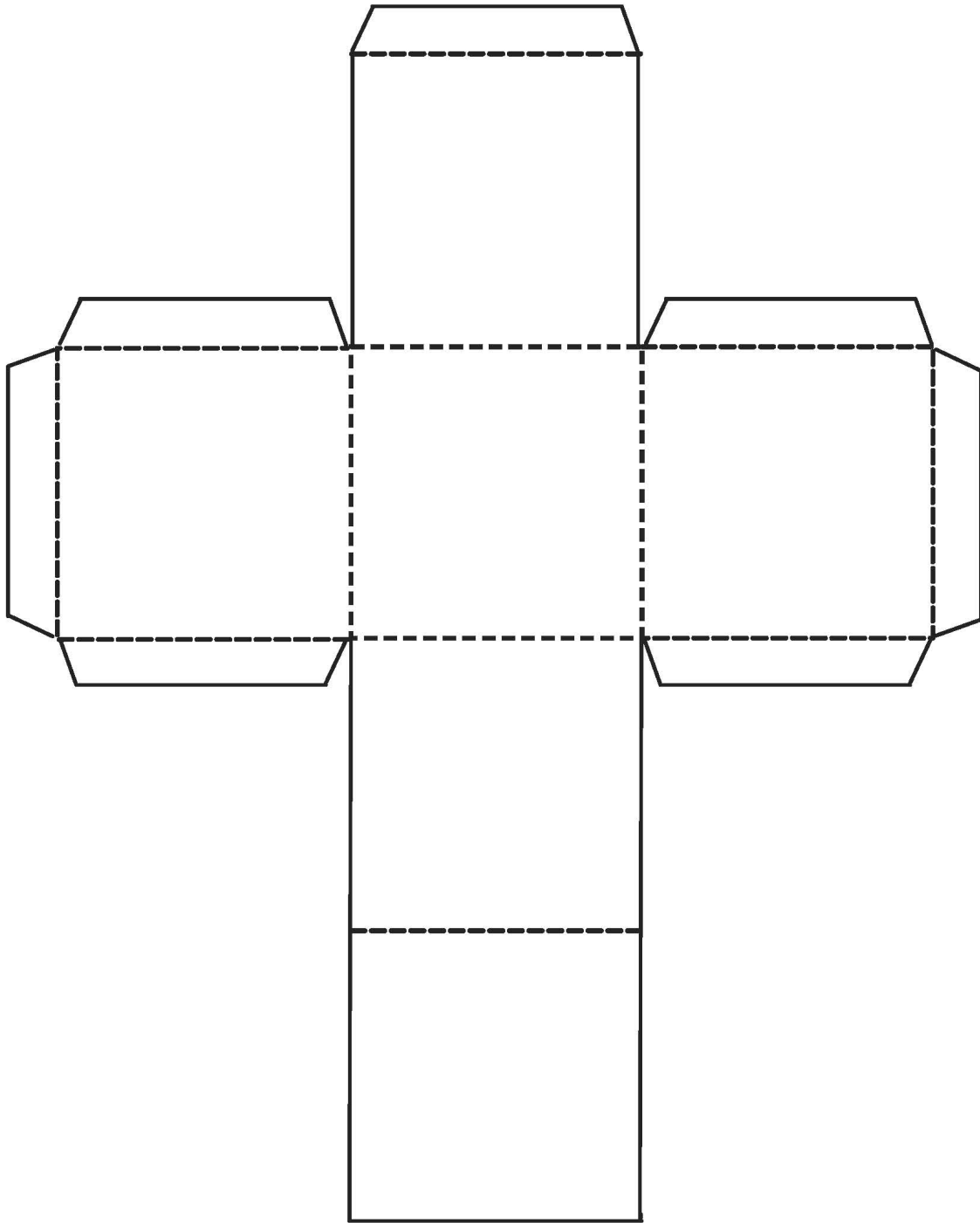
By the time participants have finished step one for EACH of the Gospels of the 4 weeks of Advent, they will only have two blank squares of their cube remaining.

2. Invite participants to decorate the remaining two squares of the cube with words or images that they want to remember during this Advent season.

3. Invite participants to glue or tape their cubes together and to use for table prayer during the Advent season.

Cube Pattern

Cut on solid lines - Fold on dashed lines



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