

The Season of Advent

One of the most beautiful traditions of Advent is the light of the Advent wreath. The purpose of the Advent Wreath is to deepen the understanding of Christmas. The evergreens symbolize everlasting life found in Christ. Since the greens come from outdoors where nature is in its winter sleep, the evergreens testify to be a continuation of life. The bending of branches so the ends touch further symbolizes life without end. So came about the circle; a wreath. The candles signify God's Son as the light of the world.

Making of the Advent Yule Log started in Mr. Harold Dahl's 5th & 6th Sunday School class and soon became a yearly favorite of the kids. This tradition is now becoming a favorite of the congregation at SLC.

THE PROPHECY CANDLE Long ago God spoke to our ancestors, in many and various ways by the prophet, but in these last days has spoken to us by a Son. Hebrew 1:1-21a

The first Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Hope.



The Bethlehem Candle But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel. Micah 5:2

The second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Peace



The Shepherds Candle The Shepherds returned glorifying and praising God, for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:26

The third Sunday of Advent we light the candle of Joy.



The Angels' Candle Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors. Luke 2:14



The Christ Candle For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

We hope this becomes a family tradition as it has in our families. We share our stories of how our adult kids insist on lighting the candles and reading the meanings of the candles they grew up with. This was a popular activity in SLC 5th & 6th grade SS classrooms, and we always had time and enough supplies for the older kids to return make one.

May the magic of Christmas be with us as we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

Merry Christmas,

Harold Dahl, Carmen Meherg, Debbie Marsch and Dawn Rittenbach

Advent Yule Log Materials

In the bag are the following supplies:

- 1 log with 5 holes drilled
- 4 blue candles
- 1 white candle for the center of the log
- 2 bows

Additional supplies needed:

Low-temp glue gun- recommended if you are assisting young children. They are inexpensive at Wal Mart.

Glue sticks for the glue gun

Additional decorations to add to your Advent Yule Log such as: small pinecones, bells, small ornaments, etc.

Cedar, fir, holly limbs to decorate your log

Clippers or scissors

If doing indoor; paper to protect your work space if needed.

Place log on work space. Cut evergreen branches to desired length and glue on to log. You can put on as much evergreen as you want. Decorate to what you like.

If additional decorations used now is the time to glue them on.

Glue the bows on to the log.

Put candles in the holes, blue, blue, white, blue, blue.

Start a family tradition and keep the log for next year.

Merry Christmas,
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