

Lenten Special

Lesson 6. Sixth Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of the Advent

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Coloring Activity:

Video Lesson: [The Story of Easter for Kids | Stories of the Bible | Holy Week](#) (duration 17:51)

Song: [Trisagion Soorp Asdvadz](#) (duration 0:44)

*Try to sing along and learn this special hymn with your class.

Words of the week:

գալուստ – ka-loosd – advent/coming

Ծաղկազարդ – Dzagh-ga-zart – Palm Sunday

Աւագ Շաբաթ – A-vak Sha-pat – Holy Week

Moral Character Focus:

Continuous Prayer

Memory Verse:

“I am coming soon.”

Revelation 22:12

Lesson

Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

Open with prayer:

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Lesson Body:

This Lenten Sunday is the Sunday of Advent. What? Advent? Isn't that during Christmas? It sure is and not only at the same time. Advent means 'coming'. During Christmas some of us might use Advent Calendars that count down the days until Christmas, as we prepare for the glorious day to come. However, this time advent reminds us of Jesus's promise to His disciples and all His faithful followers, when He said, "I will come again." No one knows when He will return, but we must always be ready. This is why Jesus told His followers to always be prepared to greet Him joyfully when He returns.

This Sunday of Advent is also a time to prepare for Palm Sunday, which we will celebrate next week. As is our tradition, we will celebrate it with palm leaves just as the people in Jerusalem did when Jesus entered the city. We celebrate the Palm Sunday with cheer and prayers and wait for Christ's second coming, just as He asked us to do.

This Sunday, the Sunday of Advent, as well as next Sunday (Palm Sunday), during the Divine Liturgy, we sing a special hymn called the Trisagion (trisagion means three-times holy in Greek) Soorp Asdvadz with these words:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, who came and will come again; have mercy on us.

Soorp Asd-vadz, soorp yev hu-zor, soorp yev an-mah, vor yegeer yev ka-lotz yes; vo-ghor-mya mez (3x).

You can find this trisagion in the divine liturgy books on page 14. As you sing this do not forget to make the sign of the cross each time you begin to sing it.

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Palm Sunday is the time we remember Christ entering Jerusalem and symbolizes His last week before His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. The week after Palm Sunday is called Holy Week. During this time, we remember and experience what Christ went through, leading to His death on the cross and resurrection. During Holy Week we remember the Last Supper Jesus had with His disciples, how He was betrayed by one of the disciples, Judas, killed on the cross, buried in the tomb and came back to life on the third day to defeat Satan and sin.

During Holy Week, we must remember that Jesus came into this world before, and He promised to return again. He will return to put everything back in order, everything that has been disrupted by sin and Satan. His resurrection is the beginning of putting things back in order and when He returns, He will complete what He had begun.

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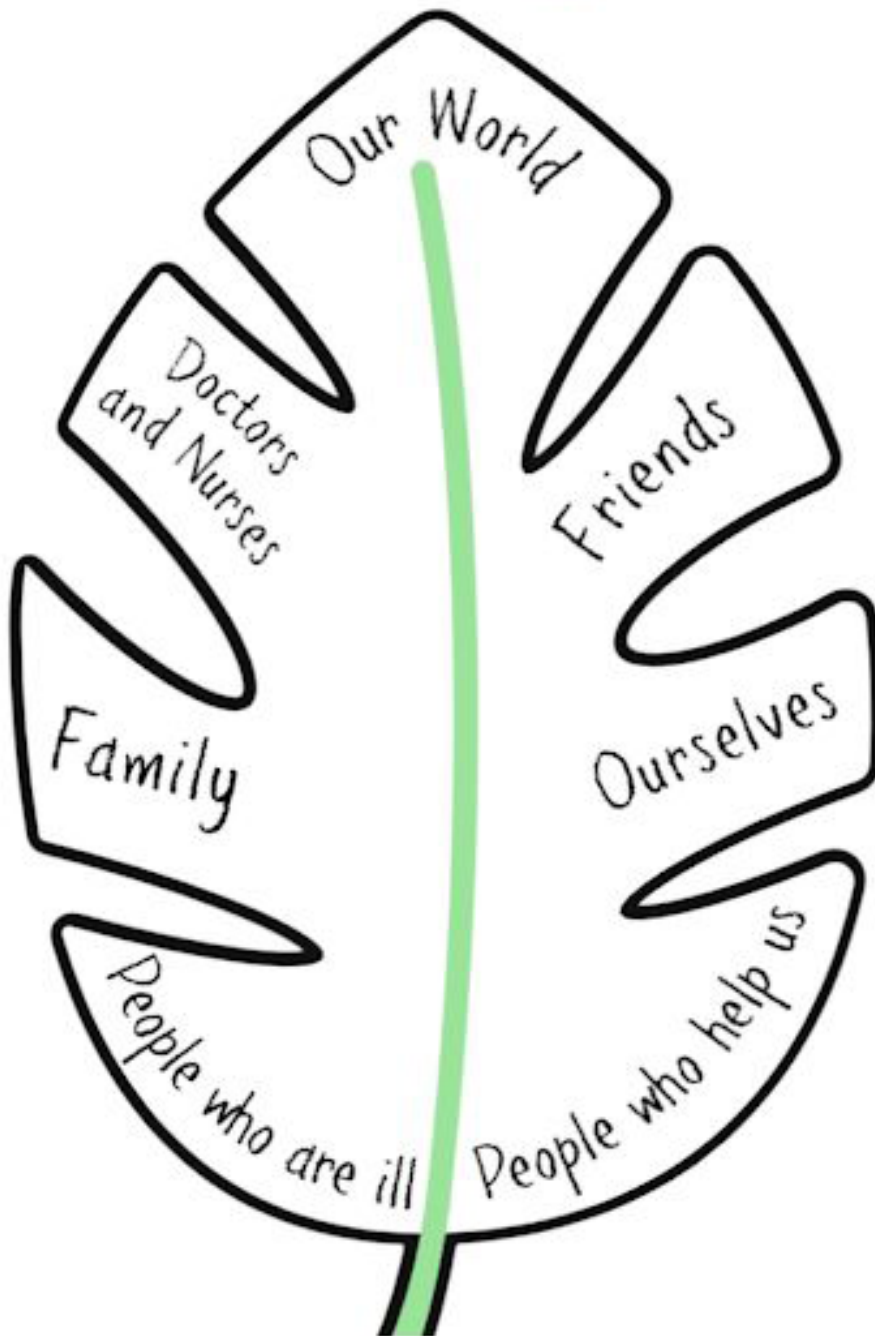
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Palm Sunday Palm Leaf Prayers



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 Colour your Palm Leaf.
You could pray for each section as you colour.

 Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door

 Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section

   
Thank You God that you always listen to our prayers. Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. Amen

Review

Memory Verse Review:

"I am coming soon." (Revelation 22:12)

Lesson Review:

1. What does 'advent' mean? (It means 'coming' or 'arrival')
2. What 'coming' or 'arrival' are we remembering and preparing for? (There are two arrivals we are remembering and preparing for: Palm Sunday, Christ's arrival in Jerusalem and His Second Coming at the end of the world)
3. What do we sing on the Sunday of Advent and Palm Sunday? (*Soorp Asd-vadz, soorp yev hu-zor, soorp yev an-mah, vor yegeer yev ka-lotz yes; vo-ghor-mya mez*)
4. Christ's entrance into Jerusalem is the symbolic beginning of what? (Holy Week)
5. What is the ultimate conclusion of Holy Week? (Christ's resurrection from the dead when He came back to life and defeated Satan, death, and sin)

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Life Application:

Always pray and be ready for Jesus.

Close with prayer:

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.