Lillenas® Drama Presents

For Advent

Four Pieces for Advent

from Quick Start Drama for Kids: Christmas

by Debbie Salter Goodwin

Running Time: 3 minutes each

Themes: Christmas, Advent, hope, peace, joy, love

Description: Four short pieces for children to share each Sunday of Advent

Quick Start Method: Quick Lines

Each participant has one line to say one time

Cast:

CHILD 1
CHILD 2
CHILD 3
CHILD 4
CHILD 5
CHILD 6

(Note: Each child says one line)

CHILD—To light the appropriate Advent candle

Props (for all):

Traditional Advent wreath with four candles
Candlelighter

Rehearsal Hint:

Use Posing as a way to demonstrate how much communication you can get with one line. Hand out lines from the piece and practice “posing” the line before saying it. Just be careful of overexpression.

(Participants enter and stand in a row on the stage or near the Advent candles for each of the four Advent pieces. Use two standing microphones or share a hand-held microphone. Use an older child without a speaking part to light the appropriate Advent candle.)

First Sunday of Advent

Looking for Hope

Running Time: 3 minutes

Themes: Advent, hope, Christmas

Description: A short piece for the first Sunday of Advent

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CHILD 1: I hope my dad comes home from Iraq before Christmas.
CHILD 2: I hope my grandmother gets well soon.
CHILD 3: I hope my parents don’t get a divorce.
CHILD 4: We all hope about things we can’t control.
CHILD 5: Advent reminds us to hope in Jesus.
CHILD 6: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to put our hope in Jesus.

(Assigned CHILD lights the Advent candle and all exit.)

Second Sunday of Advent

Need Peace?

Running Time: 3 minutes
Themes: Advent, peace, Christmas
Description: A short piece for the second Sunday of Advent
CHILD 1: How can there be peace in the world if families can’t get along?
CHILD 2: How can there be peace when people know more about anger than forgiveness?
CHILD 3: How can there be peace if our rights are more important than what God says is right?
CHILD 4: Christmas isn’t about an end to war around the world.
CHILD 5: Christmas is about an end to fighting against God.
CHILD 6: We light the second candle of Advent and ask God to make peace in our hearts.

(Assigned CHILD lights the Advent candle and all exit.)

Third Sunday of Advent

Got Joy?

Running Time: 3 minutes
Themes: Advent, joy, Christmas
Description: A short piece for the third Sunday of Advent
ALL (singing): We’ve got the joy-joy-joy-joy down in our hearts.
CHILD 1: Where?
ALL: Down in our hearts.
CHILD 2: Where?
ALL (speaking line to settle the question): Down in our hearts!

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CHILD 3: That's the simple message of Advent.
CHILD 4: Jesus came to be our joy . . .
CHILD 5: . . . and live in our hearts to stay.
CHILD 6: We light the third candle of Advent and celebrate the joy Jesus gives.

(Assigned CHILD lights the Advent candle and all exit.)

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Love Is a Person

Running Time: 3 minutes
Themes: Advent, love, Christmas
Description: A short piece for the fourth Sunday of Advent
Props:
- Wrapped Christmas present
- Plate of Christmas cookies
- Some Christmas tree decorations

(CHILD 1, 2, and 3 carry appropriate props representing what they love.)

CHILD 1: I love presents.
CHILD 2: I love Christmas cookies.
CHILD 3: I love decorating the Christmas tree.
CHILD 4: But Christmas isn't about what we love.
CHILD 5: Christmas is about Who loves us.
CHILD 6: We light the fourth candle of Advent to remind us that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus.

(Assigned CHILD lights the Advent candle and all exit.)

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