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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 1

**Seasons and
Celebrations**

Advent

Bible Readings

Mark 1:1-8

Luke 1



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Know the meaning of Advent.
- Understand how churches prepare for Christmas.
- See the significance of preparing for Jesus birth.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question Preparation for the Birth of Jesus

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

What events in your families life have required special preparation?

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Mark1:1-8

Advent is the time in the Christian calendar when we prepare for Christmas, and the coming of the Saviour into the world - and into our lives. The word is derived from the Latin 'adventus', 'coming'. Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24).

Two great Bible characters are associated with Advent - Mary and John the Baptist. Each of them, in their own way, wait for the coming of the Christ. And they speak to us of two very different kinds of waiting. Mary was called to place her whole trust in God and be radically open to the working out of God's plan. She said 'Yes', then she waited. Her waiting was truly pregnant. Mary has the confidence of someone who believes that the promises made her by the Lord will be fulfilled.

John the Baptist announced, with strange and compelling power, the coming of the Son of God. John's approach is marked by an urgent call to repentance and change.

Mary waits with patient hope. But John is all challenge and judgment. Mary is quiet, John is loud!

So in our praying during Advent we may at times share in the patient confidence of Mary. Sometimes we might be disturbed by the fiery call of John.

Explore – Express

Make or draw an advent wreath, explaining the significance of each one. (If you need help them do an internet search or ask a church leader).

