



Raise awareness of the situations of kids in mission countries. Use an MCA coin box or other "bank" for your Advent offerings. Color a candle or a flame for each day, then color the wreath.

1st Sunday of Advent: Jesus is our light in times of "darkness", like when we're alone or unhappy. Many families lack electricity. Put 10¢ in your Advent box for each lamp in your living/family room.

1st Wednesday of Advent: During Advent we wait with great excitement to celebrate Christmas. Some children must wait in line for food at a mission center. Put \$1 in your box in place of fast-food french fries.

2nd Sunday: Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem before Jesus was born. Many families must journey to get drinking water. Put 5¢ in your box for every faucet in your house.

2nd Wednesday: During Advent, we are expecting not just Jesus, but also presents under a tree. Some families have no money for gifts. Put 50¢ in your box to buy a toy for a child.

3rd Sunday: The flames of Advent's candles bring warmth as winter approaches. Put 5¢ in your box for every candle that will be lit on your next birthday cake.

3rd Wednesday: At Christmas we see family and friends. Refugees are separated from family members. Put 10¢ in your box for every family member you have.

4th Sunday: The shepherds waited for Jesus to come. Say a prayer for children who are waiting to hear about Jesus.

Christmas Day, 12/25: Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had to stay in a stable. Many kids have nowhere to live. Put 5¢ in your box for every room in your house.