

A Peek Into The Atrium

The Season of Advent

Entering a new season of the Church Year is an exciting event in the atrium! As we mark the shift from Ordinary Time to Advent, several changes occur. With the children, we change the environment in our Prayer Corner, removing the green cloth and the items we have been accustomed to on our prayer table. We process through the atrium (and possibly beyond!) with the new items for the table: the advent wreath, purple candles, purple cloth and evergreen boughs for our wreath. The children set-up the prayer corner now, to reflect the spirit and colors of Advent.

The Messianic Prophecies of Advent

Once our Prayer Table has been set for the new season, we meditate on a chosen scripture of the prophets. During Advent each year, we will share two prophecies from the sacred scriptures, usually during the 1st and 2nd weeks of Advent (one per week.) During the complete three-year cycle that is Level One, we will have shared 5 prophecies total. These brief scriptures contain strong images that the children relate to in deep ways. For the children (and for us as catechists and parents) they are a beautiful way into the mystery of God becoming man. Each of the prophecies we share tells us something more about “Who is this child?” for whom we are preparing to celebrate and to receive into our lives.

These prophecies include: *(2 presented each year)*

Isaiah 9:1

Isaiah 9:5

Isaiah 7:14

Micah 5:1

Numbers 24:17

