Special Advent Projects

**Individual management**
Fill Jesus’ crib with straw everytime you do a kindness/good deed/listen/follow directions
Make crib from half piece of brown construction paper (no legs) and cut up yellow construction paper into pieces. At the end of Advent place Jesus in the crib to be taken home at Christmas and put under your Christmas tree.

**Morning Meeting/Prayer**
Prior to the start of Advent, each student is given a strip of green or red paper. You send the strip home along with a note that you are creating a Classroom Advent Prayer Chain and need for the family to write their special intention onto the strip of paper with a return date again prior to the start of Advent.

- Using your student’s knowledge of patterns, have them use their Fine Motor Skills to help assemble the strips of paper in a green-red-green-red pattern and link them together to form a chain.
- At the top of the chain we place an empty manager picture located in our religion textbook and display the chain in the front of the classroom for everyone to see.
- On a daily basis during our Morning Meeting prior to our opening prayer, the teacher will then remove the bottom link and read the student’s prayer intention and pray for that family. This is continued all during the season of Advent.

**Advent Calendar**

- On the first day of Advent send home with your students a Countdown to Christmas: Family Acts of Kindness Calendar. This calendar would consist of 25 simple acts of kindness that can be completed for each day of Advent by either the entire family or the student themselves.
- I ask for the family to keep this calendar within their student’s folder and to color in the box of the kind acts they have completed.
- When a student returns with a box colored in, we then add a star above our Nativity scene on our classroom’s religious board. This action is completed for everyday during our time together in Advent.
- By the end of the season, our board is typically covered in yellow stars that help to show our students their preparation for the birth of Jesus by completing acts of kindness for others during this holy season within our Church.