

# Family Fun in Advent—Behold the Signs

Advent week 1—Year B  
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## The Faith 5



### SHARE

Share your *Highs & Lows* with each other.



### READ

Read the following verse, highlighting in your Bible.

*Mark 13:24-27*



### TALK

What does today's verse say about signs?

Tell about a time when you ignored or simply missed the signs that something important was coming. What did you learn from this?



### PRAYER

Pray together about your highs and lows include praise, thank and ask.

**Praise:** A prayer of praise

**Thank:** A prayer of thanks

**Ask:** A prayer of special concern



### BLESS

Trace a cross on one another's forehead saying:

*(name), may your eyes be open to the signs of Christ's coming.*

## Advent Art Attack



### READ

*Mark 13:24-27*

"So in those days there will be terrible suffering. After that, Scripture says, " 'The sun will be darkened. The moon will not shine. The stars will fall from the sky. The heavenly bodies will be shaken.' —(*Isaiah 13:10; 34:4*)" At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds. He will come with great power and glory. He will send his angels. He will gather his chosen people from all four directions. He will bring them from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

### MAKE A COLLAGE

*What did you hear from the Bible reading?*

*What images came into your mind? Make a collage to show what you have learnt.*

Gather a large sheet of paper or card (A3 or A2), small sheets of coloured paper, scissors, textas and glue. Using images from the reading, draw or cut out pictures or shapes and make a collage of 'signs' that will help us see the coming of Jesus when he comes again.

## Candle Lighting Litany



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*Gather four candles and place in the centre of your table. During each week of Advent light a candle until all four are lit during the fourth week in Advent. As you light the first candle pray the litany below.*

## First week in Advent Behold the Signs

Leader: plain type

Family response: bold type

Your children look to the heavens and watch for a sign.

**Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.**

From where will our Saviour come?

**Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.**

When will the Messiah arrive?

**Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.**

How will your children know what is to come?

**Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.**

Speak, O Lord, your children are listening.

Speak, O Lord, your children are waiting.

**Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.**

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