Advent Wreath - Grade 2

Objective:  2.2.15  Understand how the traditions of Advent... prepare the church for the celebration of Christmas....

Special room enhancements:  Lesson to be done during the first day/week of Advent.  Teacher should have an advent wreath on a table with the candles ready to go.

Seating:  With a partner or small group

Materials:

Advent wreath with candles

Green, purple, and pink, and yellow or orange construction paper

Advent facts - from internet or textbook

Lesson/Activity:

1.  Review facts about Advent - why we use a circular wreath, the symbolism of the colored candles, etc.

2.  Explain how we use the wreath, when the candles are lit, etc.  Show actual wreath, and maybe some other teacher's wreath that may look slightly different.

3.  Light first candle on wreath and do group prayer with students surrounding table.

4.  Tell students that we will be making a class "wreath".

5.  Each student should (have another student help) trace one of their hands on green construction paper.  Cut hand out.

6.  Give each student an Advent "fact" on a slip of paper to copy on their green hand.  Trace with pen or fine-line marker.

7.  Teacher will assemble all the hands into a circular shape on a bulletin board or wall.

8.  Using 3 purple and 1 pink piece of construction paper, roll & staple to make "candles" to put around wreath.  Use yellow or orange paper to make 4 "flames".

9.  During each week, add a "flame" to another candle.

Online Resources:

For Advent facts, teacher should type different facts & give one to each student so there are no repeats.  May use textbook or a variety of websites.  One good site is [reindeerland.org](http://reindeerland.org).