



Family Holiday Traditions

Our families help us to think about what a “holiday” is. On these special days, it is natural to consider the goodness of God and the gifts that God has given us. It’s also an opportunity to realize that we should share what we have with others. At Thanksgiving, we gather around a table to give thanks to God and to remember that we must always think of others who have less than we have. Soon after Thanksgiving, we begin to get ready for Christmas. Our Advent wreath with its four candles helps us to prepare for the birthday of Jesus.



We are thankful for...



We share our blessings...



We await His coming...

Think It Through:

As a family, we give thanks for _____

As a family, we help those less fortunate than us by _____

As a family, we wait for Jesus’ coming at Christmas by _____

Act:

Meet as a family to plan ways you can share your many blessings with others during this holiday season.

Discuss how your family will prepare for Christmas by “waiting for the Lord” during the Advent season.

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-48

Resources: Advent & Lent Activities for Children - Kielly & Geraghty (Twenty-Third Publications); Saintly Celebrations and Holy Holidays - Snyder (Liguori Press); Bundles of Faith and Tons of Fun - Mathson (Ave Maria Press).