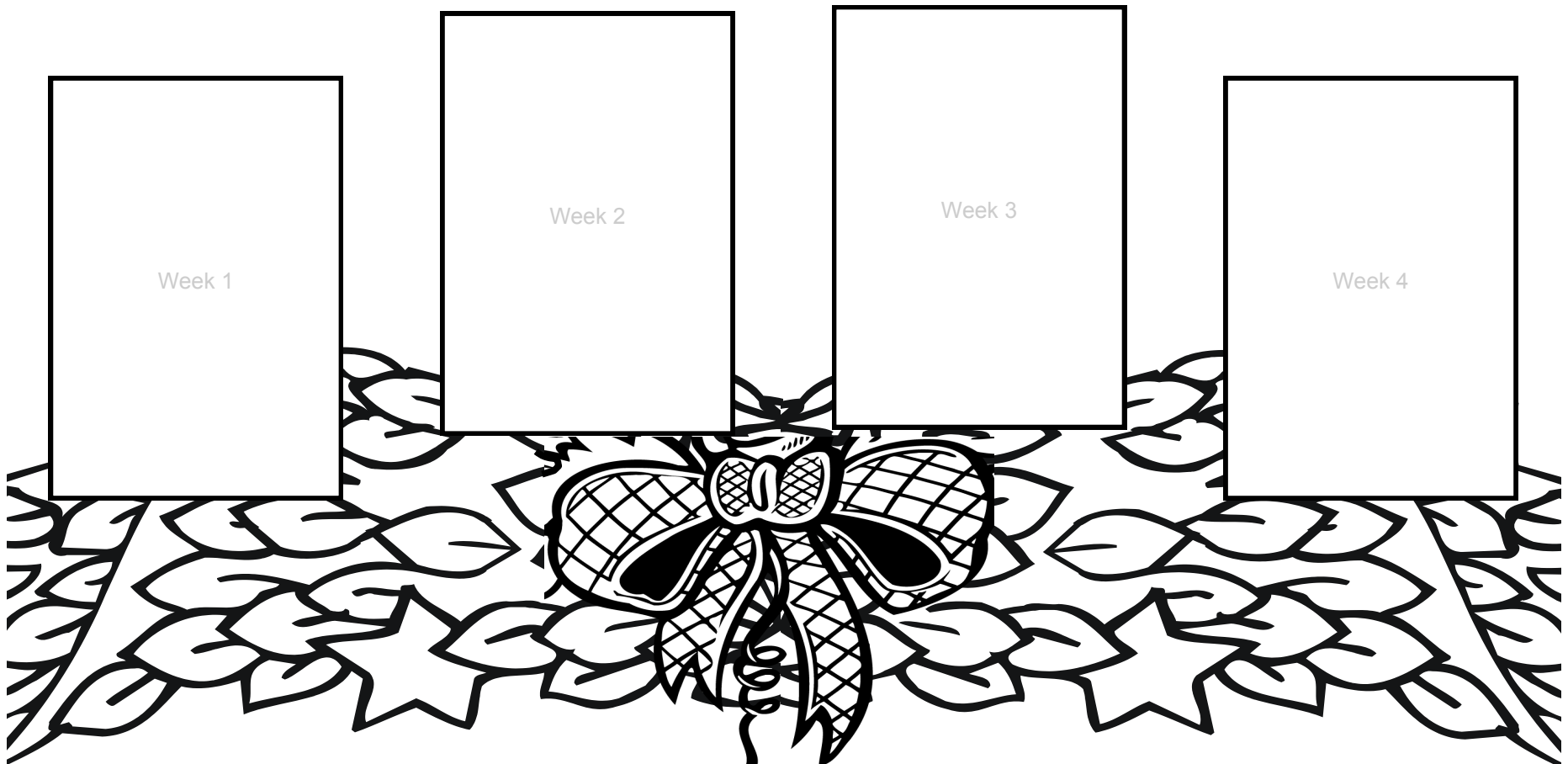


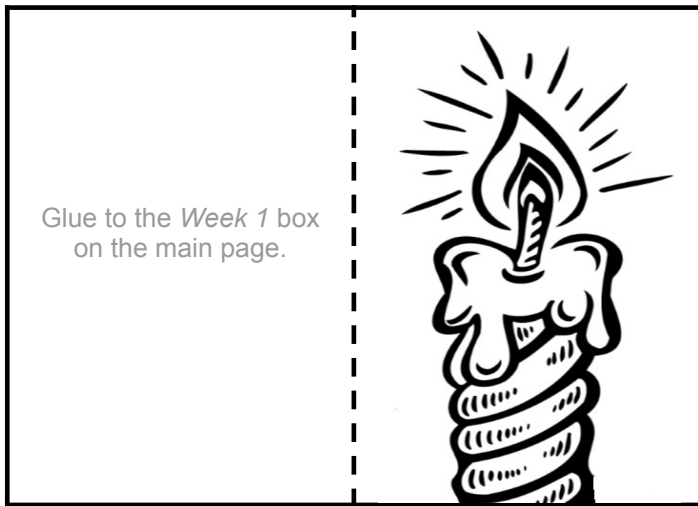
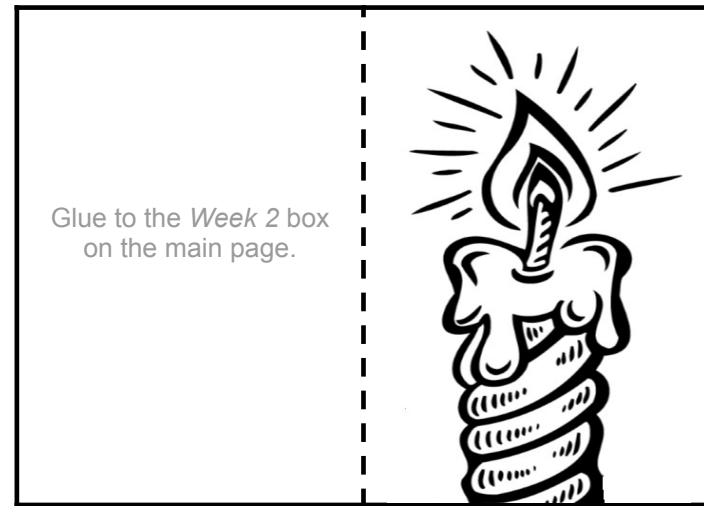
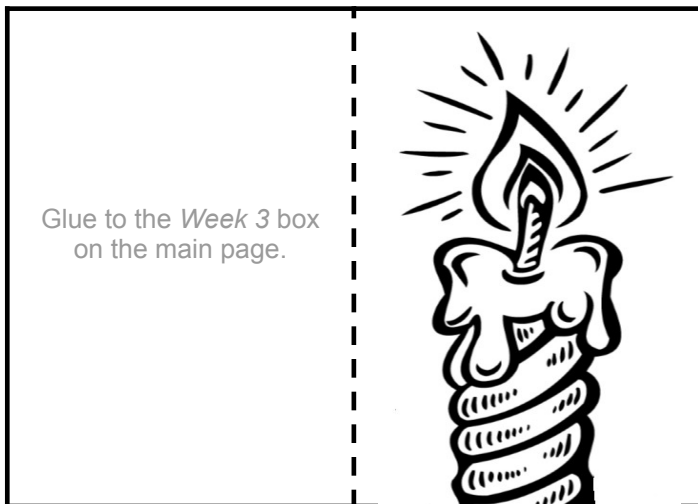
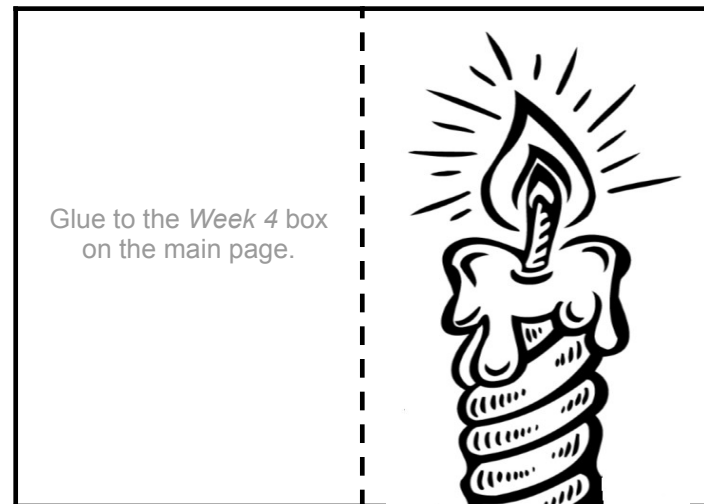
Waiting for Jesus

The Advent Wreath Tradition

Hundreds of years ago, Christians began hanging fresh wreaths with candles from their ceilings to help them celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Four candles were attached to it, each representing one Sunday of Advent. As they lit another candle each week, they thought about how Adam and Eve sinned against God and how it brought darkness into the hearts of man. As they prepared for Christmas, they remembered the hope that they felt in their prayerful hearts because they knew that God had promised mankind a redeemer. By having faith in God, they could hope for the savior that was to come, Christ Jesus, who would bring peace into the world and joy to the hearts of men.



- STEP #1: Color the candles below as follows. Color weeks 1, 2, & 4 purple. Color week 3 rose (pink). Color the flames orange or yellow.
- STEP #2 Cut out rectangles on the solid lines.
- STEP #3: Fold in half on black dotted lines.
- STEP #4: Glue to matching boxes on the front main page of project. The pictures should be facing up. Apply glue to the side with the gray words and glue into place in the boxes.



STEP #4: Cut out the black rectangles below on the dotted lines. Read them carefully, then glue them to the inside of the correct candle piece square on the main page.

Step #5: If desired, you may color the evergreens of the wreath green and the ribbon bow red or gold.

**1st Sunday
of Advent**

Lord, please
come into the
world to rescue
us from the
danger of sin.

**2nd Sunday
of Advent**

Lord, help us
prepare our
hearts to greet
your Son,
Jesus, on
Christmas.

**3rd Sunday
of Advent**

Lord, hear our
prayers and by
your grace, fill
our minds with
the light of your
good ways.

**4th Sunday
of Advent**

Lord, by your
grace and
mercy, bring
us to You
through your
Son, Jesus.