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This book was created to teach children about the Catholic faith and the Advent and Christmas seasons and to help form children as young disciples. The book also introduces children to saints celebrated in Advent and provides suggested activities and prayers for children and families.

Free educational resources are available online at thecatholicadventures.org.

Father Nate is a Catholic parish priest in Indiana.



Father Nate is a Catholic priest in a beautiful town with a lot of lakes. His eyes are the color of the sky; his hair is the color of the sun; and orange is the color of his favorite snack, carrots. His friends call him a “fit shepherd” because he loves to exercise.

When he exercises, Father Nate looks for God's gifts everywhere.

When he rides his bike, he admires all of the flowers.

When he goes swimming on a hot day, he is thankful for the cool water.



When he hikes up a mountain, he makes friends with all the animals.

Father Nate begins each morning by saying the **Our Father** and giving thanks for all the wonderful things in his life.

What are you thankful for?



Can you fold your hands in prayer and
say the Our Father with Father Nate?

Our Father,

***Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

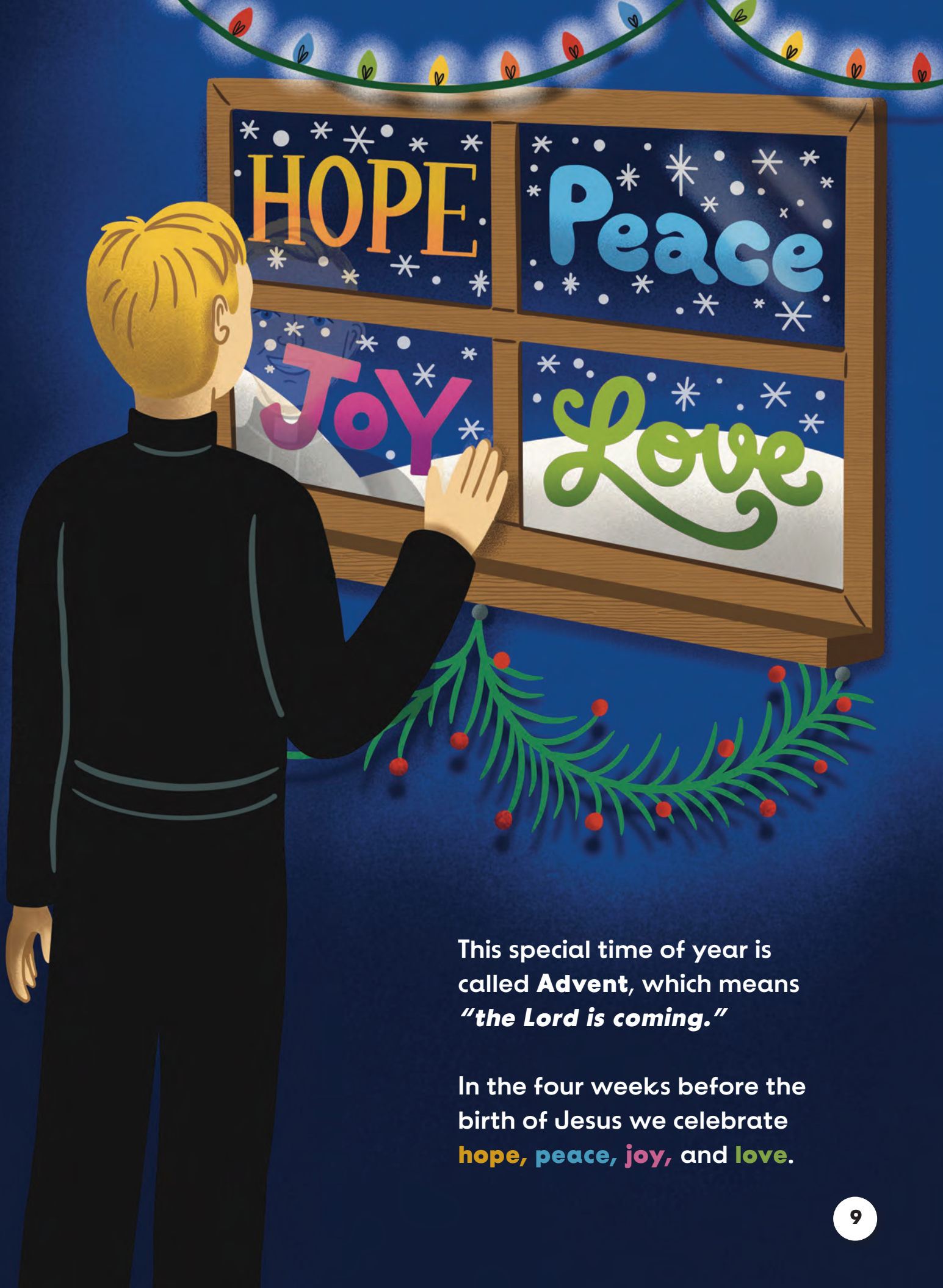
Amen.



Father Nate is happy because Christmas is coming. His friends help him decorate the church with lights and Christmas trees.

There is also a green wreath with four candles. The wreath is round and has no beginning or end, to remind us that Jesus' love has no beginning or end.

Each Sunday of Advent, Father Nate lights a new candle.



This special time of year is called **Advent**, which means "*the Lord is coming.*"

In the four weeks before the birth of Jesus we celebrate **hope**, **peace**, **joy**, and **love**.