

# Advent Wreath Prayer

Construct a simple circle of evergreens. Add four candles (traditionally, three dark blue or purple and one pink for the third Sunday). Gather around the wreath, light a candle for each week of Advent, pray the prayer with friends and family.

**LEADER:** May this circle of greens help us remember that we live within the circle of God's ever-present love.

**ALL:** We live in the grace and peace of God.

**LEADER:** May these candles that mark the four weeks of Advent help us keep the true spirit of Christmas.

**ALL:** Emmanuel, God-with-us, the light of your life shines in our darkness.

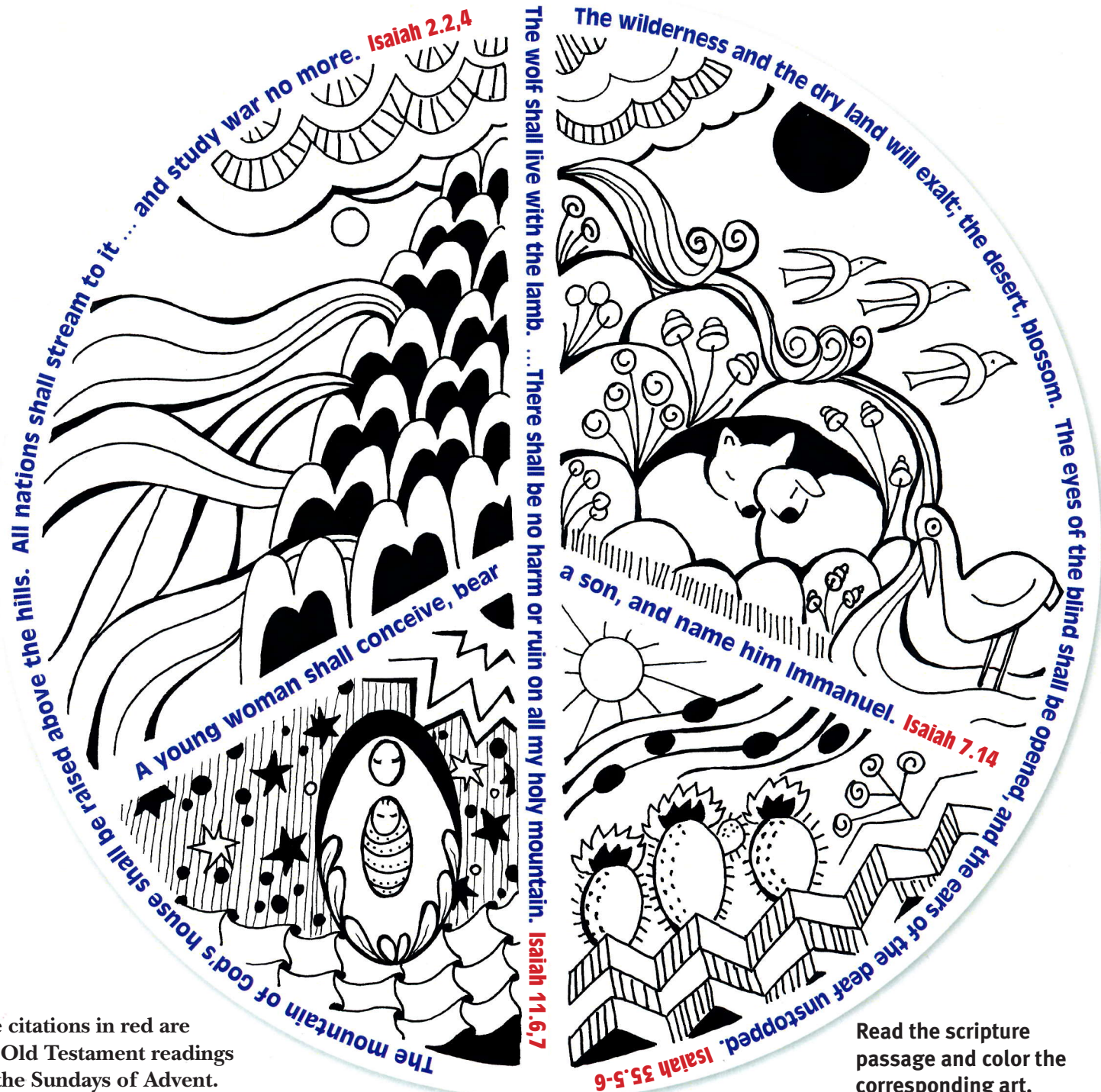
**LEADER:** Loving God, you bless Mary with a child and Joseph with a dream for their well-being.

**ALL:** You bless us with children and dreams for them.

**LEADER:** May we like Joseph sleep on our doubts and hurts, rather than condemn.

**ALL:** Weave in us, Spirit of God, a dream of mercy and peace for our family and every family.

**SING:** O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.



The citations in red are the Old Testament readings on the Sundays of Advent.

Read the scripture passage and color the corresponding art.