



The Sunday School Lesson for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:39-55)

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the last Sunday we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It's been wonderful to decorate our homes and buy gifts to exchange with family and friends. Do you know what I like most about the season? The music. The Christmas songs are all so wonderful and spiritual. They express the love and joy we feel during the season.

The Bible tells us that after the angel appeared to Mary to tell her that she was to be the mother of the Savior of the world, she hurried to the home of her cousin Elizabeth. She just couldn't wait to tell someone. When Elizabeth heard the news, she exclaimed "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

Mary was so happy she joyfully praised God. Her words have become to be known as "Mary's Song " or the "Magnificat." Many composers have set it to music. This is what Mary said :

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me..holy is his name."

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. Let's all join Mary in praise to God for he has done great things for us. He has sent us the gift of love, his only begotten Son, that we may have eternal life.

Prayer

Dear God, we are thankful for your gift of love,
and for the great things you have done for us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Music Board Decoration Craft

Materials:

- One art canvas (\$ tree) or thick cardboard
- Printed favorite Christmas music
- Paint
- Any embellishments you would like.

Directions:

Paint canvas or cardboard in your preferred color.
(You can dry paint faster with a hair dryer)

When dry, attach music sheet(s) with a regular glue stick. (Not a glue gun)

Once dry, coat with Mod Podge (\$tree)

If adding glitter or snow, do it while Mod Podge is wet.

Let dry, and add any decorative items you might like.



My spirit

rejoices in God

my Savior