

Sola Publishing Children's Message Advent 1 – Year A		SOLA
Happy New Year!		
Readings	1) Isaiah 2:1-5 2) Romans 13:8-14 3) Matthew 24:36-44	
Scripture Focus		
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Happy New Year horns	
Message Every year, one week after Christmas, there's another holiday. What is it? It's New Year's Eve. We celebrate every new year. Some people make promises to themselves called resolutions. They are promises to ourselves to do something different the next year. [Depending on the age of the kids: What kinds of New Year's resolutions do people make?] They do that because they want to make a good change in their lives. Did you know the church has a New Year, too? It's called Advent. Today is the first Sunday in Advent. It's the church's new year. I'm going to give you something, and you can only use it after we shout Happy New Year. Ready? Happy New Year! [blow horns] Every new year, we can make spiritual resolutions. Those are promises to ourselves that are good for our faith. They could be making sure we go to church or Sunday School more, reading the Bible more, saying prayers every night, not saying bad words, being nice to someone who is mean to you, and other things that would make Jesus happy. Why do you think people do that? [It reminds them not to forget Jesus in their life.] I am going to read the Bible a little bit every day, because when I do that, my day goes better. You know what I have to say about that? Happy New Year! [Blow horns.] So, talk to your mom and dad and see if your family can make some spiritual New Year's resolutions and celebrate, Happy New Year! [Blow horns.] Let's pray. <		