

Sola Publishing Children's Message Advent 1 – Year C		SOLA 
Happy New Year!		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 33:14-16 2) 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 3) Luke 21:25-36	
Scripture Focus	Happy Advent – Happy New Year	
Take Away	New Year Noise Makers	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Church Year Picture	
Message We just had a holiday. Anyone remember what it was? [Thanksgiving] Yes, and after Thanksgiving comes the first season of the church Year. Four Sundays before Christmas is Advent. That's today and that means that today is the beginning of the church year. Advent starts the church year because it's just before Jesus is born. The church calendar tells the story of Jesus' life and it helps us all year long so we don't miss a thing. It goes like this. ADVENT – looking forward to Jesus' birth. The hope of a Savior! CHRISTMAS – Jesus is born! Beginning of the 12 days of Christmas. EPIPHANY – Jesus starts his ministry. He gets baptized and shows a couple of disciples that he is God's Son. LENT – Jesus tells the disciples that he will be crucified and rise from the dead. It starts with Ash Wednesday and goes through Holy Week. EASTER – He is risen indeed! And Jesus goes back to heaven to be with the Father. PENTECOST – Begins with the day of Pentecost, which was the day the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles. The season includes Trinity Sunday, Reformation, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving. It's the season of growth for the church when all the Apostles went around telling people the good news of Jesus life, death, and resurrection. So, today is HAPPY NEW YEAR! Should we celebrate? Say it loud everyone: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!		
Repeat Prayer	Heavenly Father, You have given us so much! You gave us the church / to learn about you / and worship you. Thank you for a new year. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	

