

# Ideas for using Kids Celebrate Advent & Christmas

- ☞ Point out to your child that your congregation is using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* just like the people on the cover of this booklet.
- ☞ Before or after worship, take children up to the Advent wreath so they can see it up close. Ask them about the candles: what color they are, how many, how many will be or were lit today. Tell them that the Advent wreath helps us count the weeks until Christmas.
- ☞ If your congregation uses prayers or blessings to accompany lighting the wreath, get copies to use during the week at home with a family wreath. Help your child see the connection between prayer at church and prayer in the home.
- ☞ Use a children's Bible to tell the stories of some of the biblical characters represented on the middle pages of this booklet.
- ☞ If you have a nativity set at home, encourage your child to use it to tell the Christmas story.
- ☞ If your congregation uses a sung form of "Glory to God in the highest" during worship, tell your child that you are all singing the song the angels sang when Jesus was born.
- ☞ Learn an Advent hymn and a Christmas carol together as a family. Even young children can learn the refrain to "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #257) and the words and melody of "Away in a manger" (#277, 278), for example.