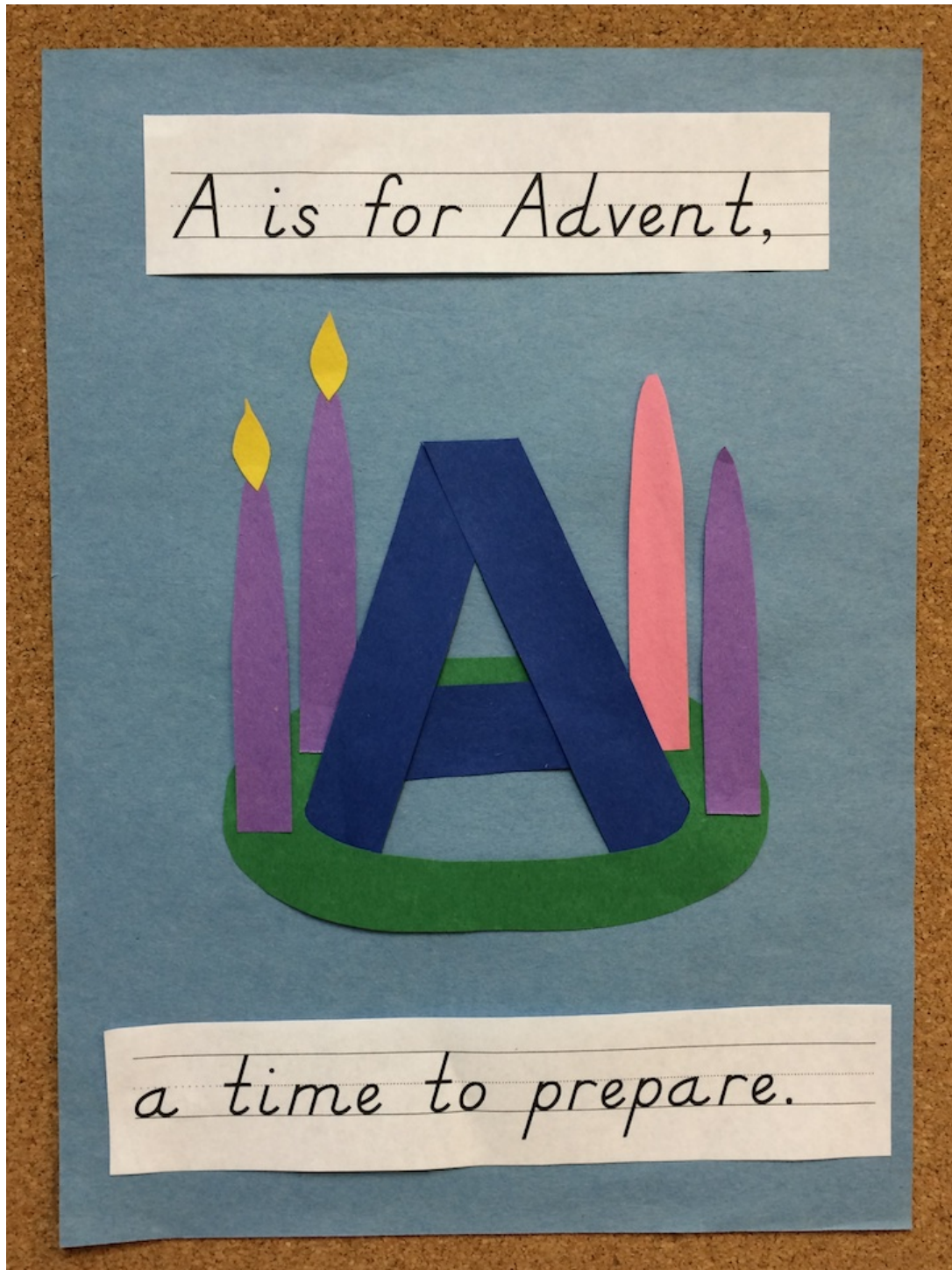


# A is for Advent...

"My Catholic ABC Book" - Page 1

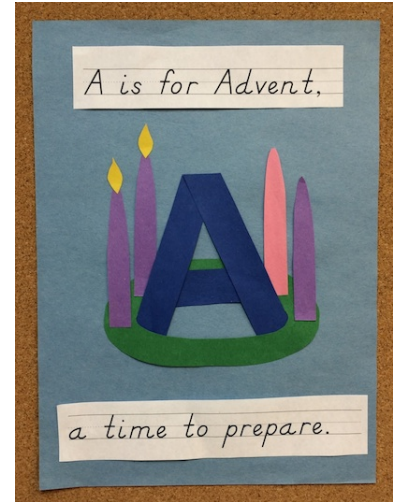


*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel."  
Isaiah 7:14*



# A is for Advent...

*a time to prepare.*



## Materials:

- text & image templates (included below)
- construction paper (9x12in):  
*light blue, dark blue, green, pink, purple, yellow*
- scissors
- glue sticks
- crayons/markers

## Option 1: Construction Paper Cut-Outs (see photo example)

*\*Note: For this option, you must be able to make photocopies on construction paper*

1. Use **Templates B-E** to make copies of the craft pieces on colored paper. Each template will list the color to use and the number of pieces you need for each child.
2. Choose the text style that suits your class, and copy the related **Text Template (F-J)**. Cut the strips so that each child has the top and bottom sentence strip ready to glue.
3. Give each child a 9x12 background book page. (see photo for color suggestion)
4. Instruct students to complete the sentence strips (read, trace, or write), and glue them on the top and bottom of the page, leaving plenty of room in the middle for their images.
5. Students should then cut out the colored paper images and glue them in place on their book page. Help students figure out the best order to glue, as some pieces may overlap:
  - \* lightly glue wreath first, then tuck and glue "A" under the front of the wreath, then add candles and flames (from 1-4, depending on your preference)

## Option 2: Students Color & Cut (not shown)

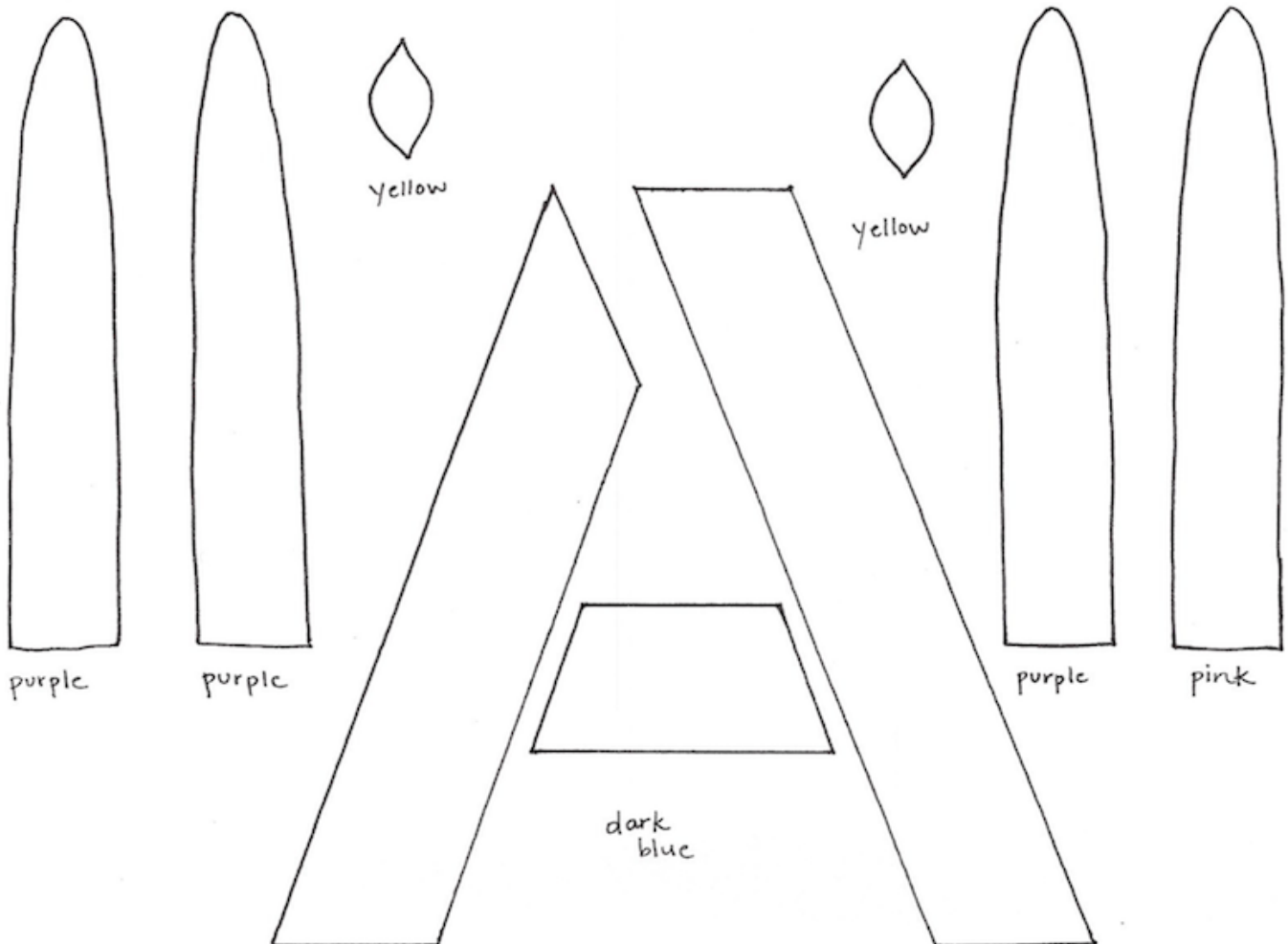
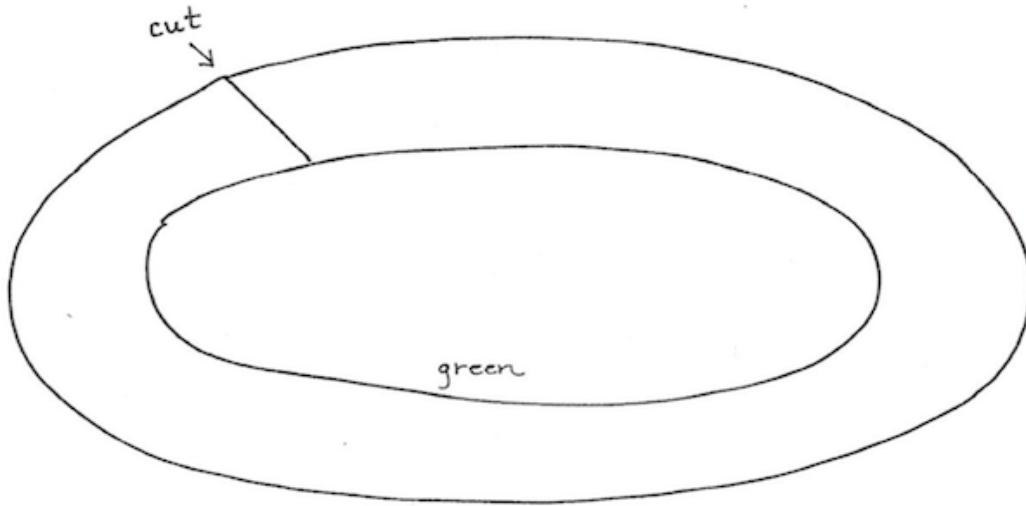
1. Make one copy of **Template A** for each student on white construction paper (use regular copy paper if you do not have the option to photocopy onto construction paper)
2. Instruct students to use crayons/markers to color the images on the template.
3. Choose the text style that suits your class, and copy the related **Text Template (F-J)**. Cut the strips so that each child has the top and bottom sentence strip ready to glue.
3. Give each child a 9x12 background book page. (see photo for color suggestion)
4. Instruct students to complete the sentence strips (read, trace, or write), and glue them on the top and bottom of the page, leaving plenty of room in the middle for their images.
5. Students should then cut out their colored image pieces and glue them in place on their book page. Help students figure out the best order to glue, as some pieces may overlap:
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# Template A (Individual)

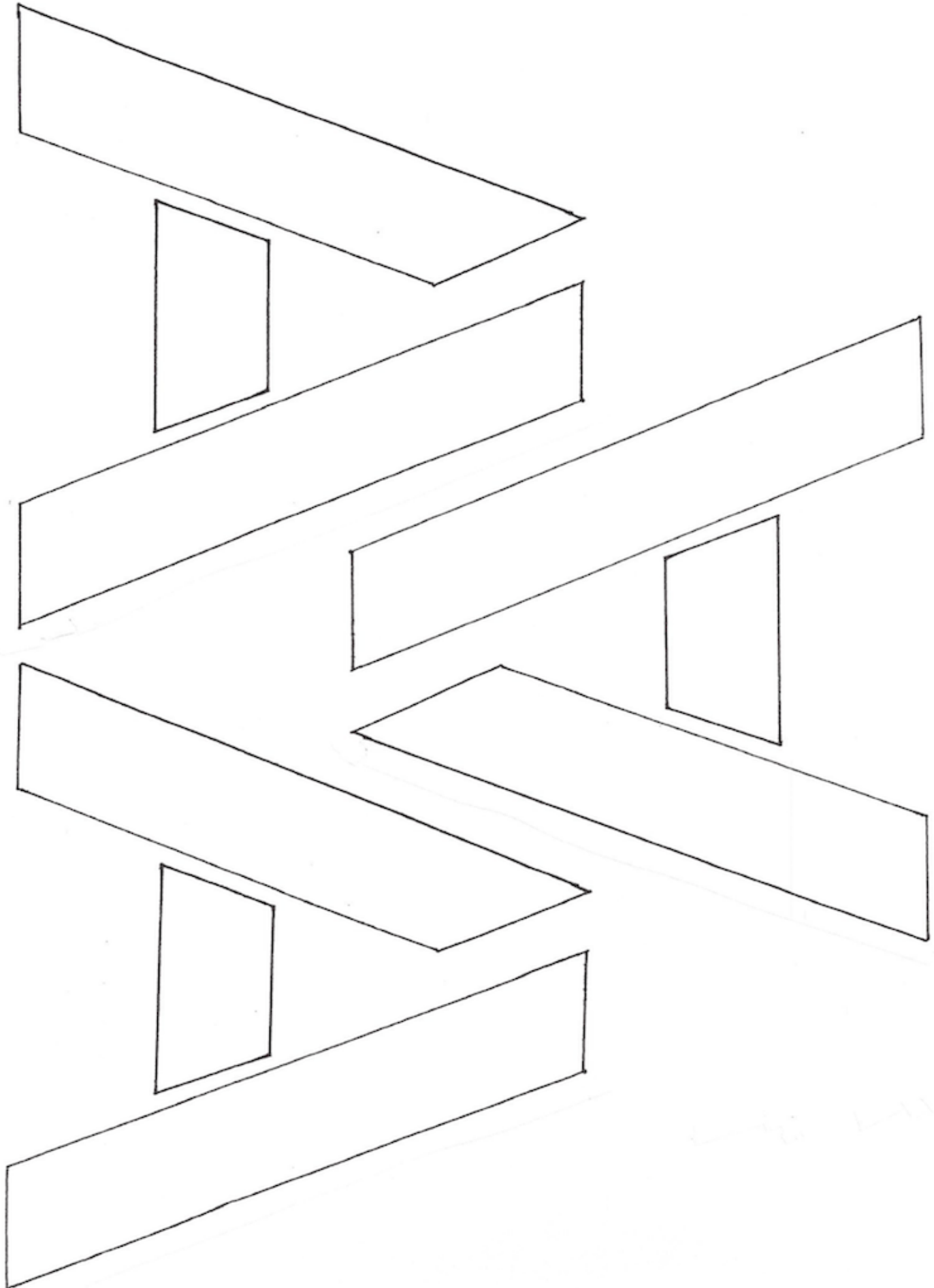
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions:

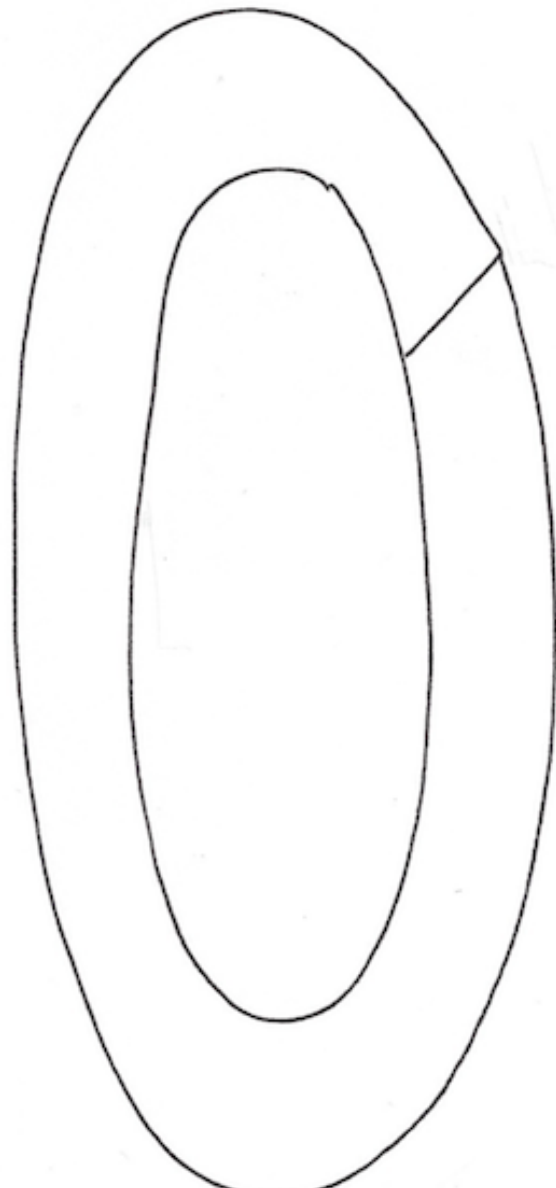
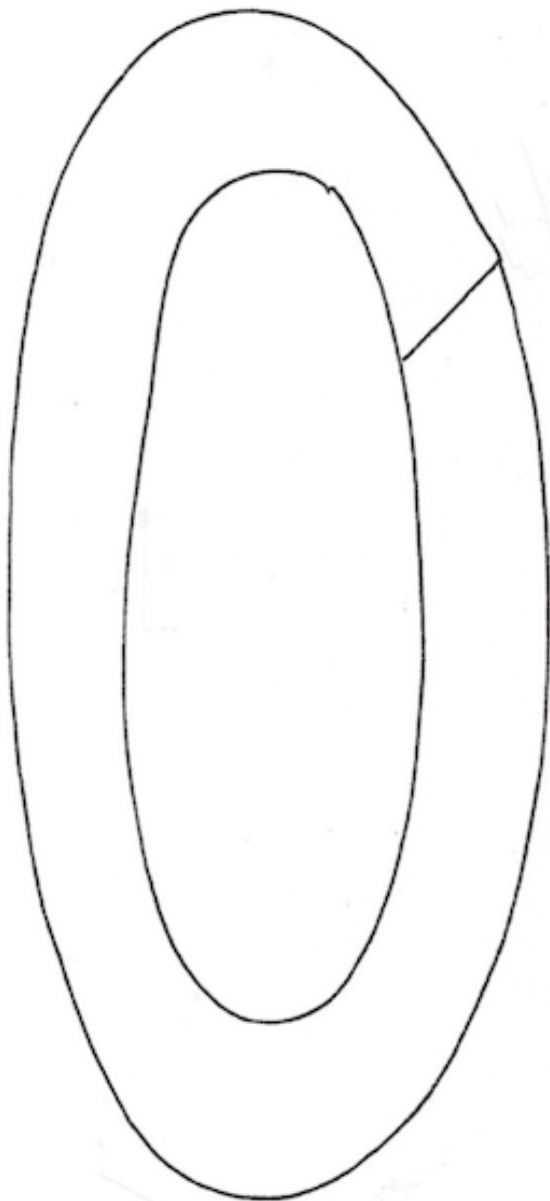
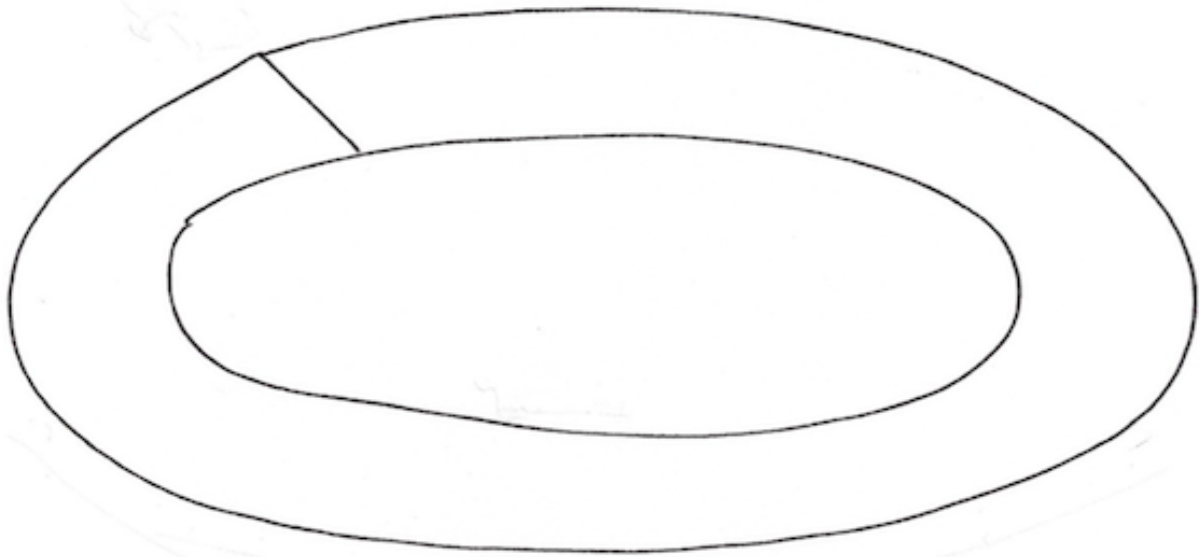
1. Ask your teacher for the sentence strips for this book page. Read, trace, or write the sentence, and glue the strips to the top and bottom of your book page.
2. Use crayons or markers to color in each piece below. Use the color words to help you.
3. Carefully cut out your pieces and follow your teacher's directions about how to glue them to your book page.



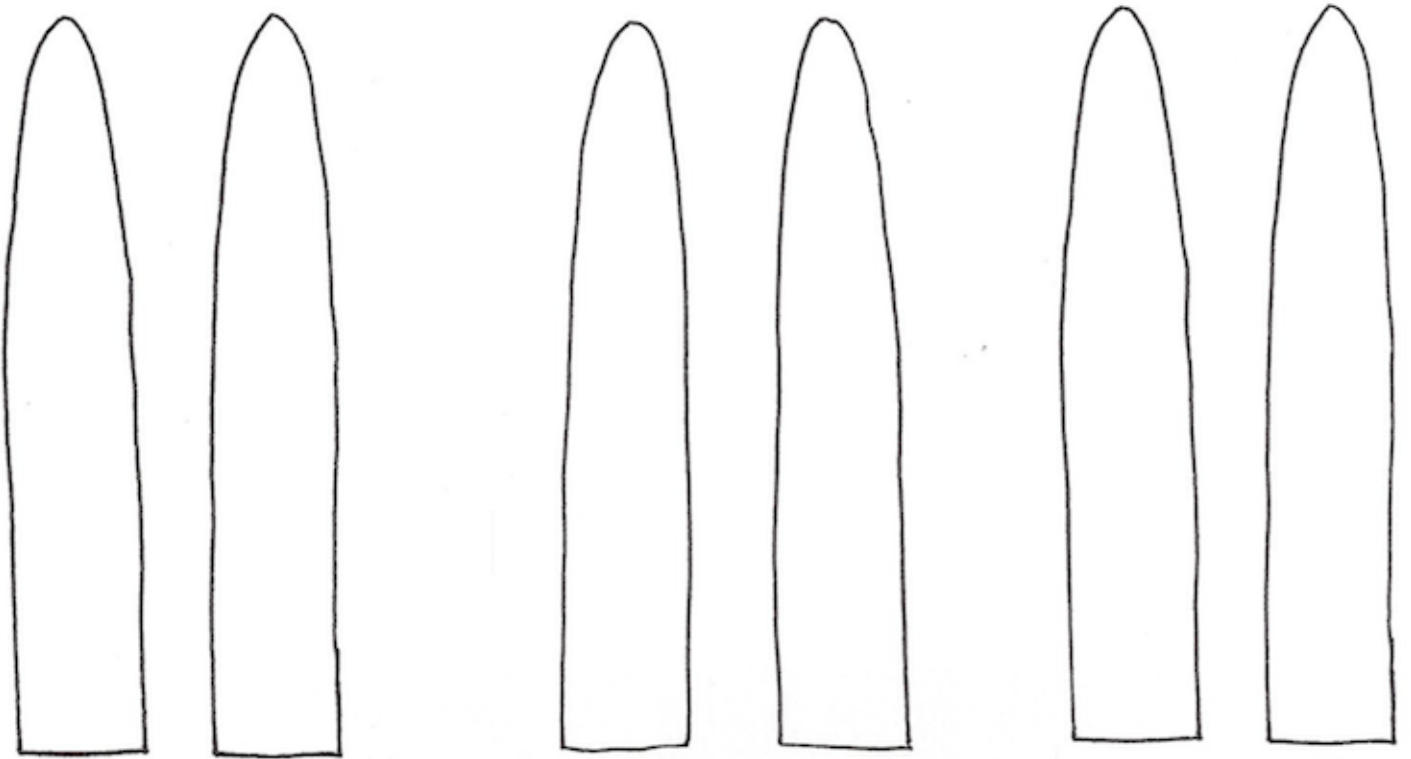
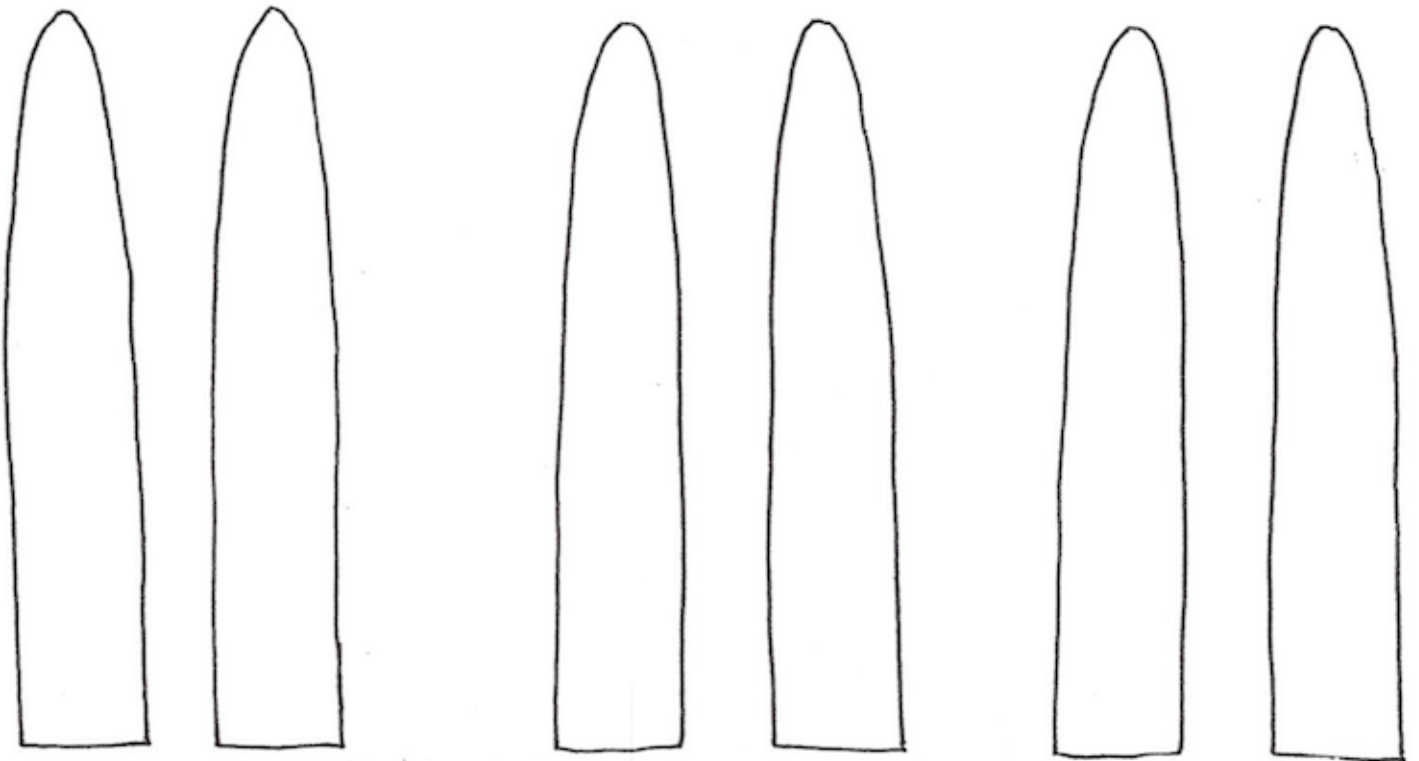
**Template B** - Copy on **DARK BLUE** - 1 "A" per student



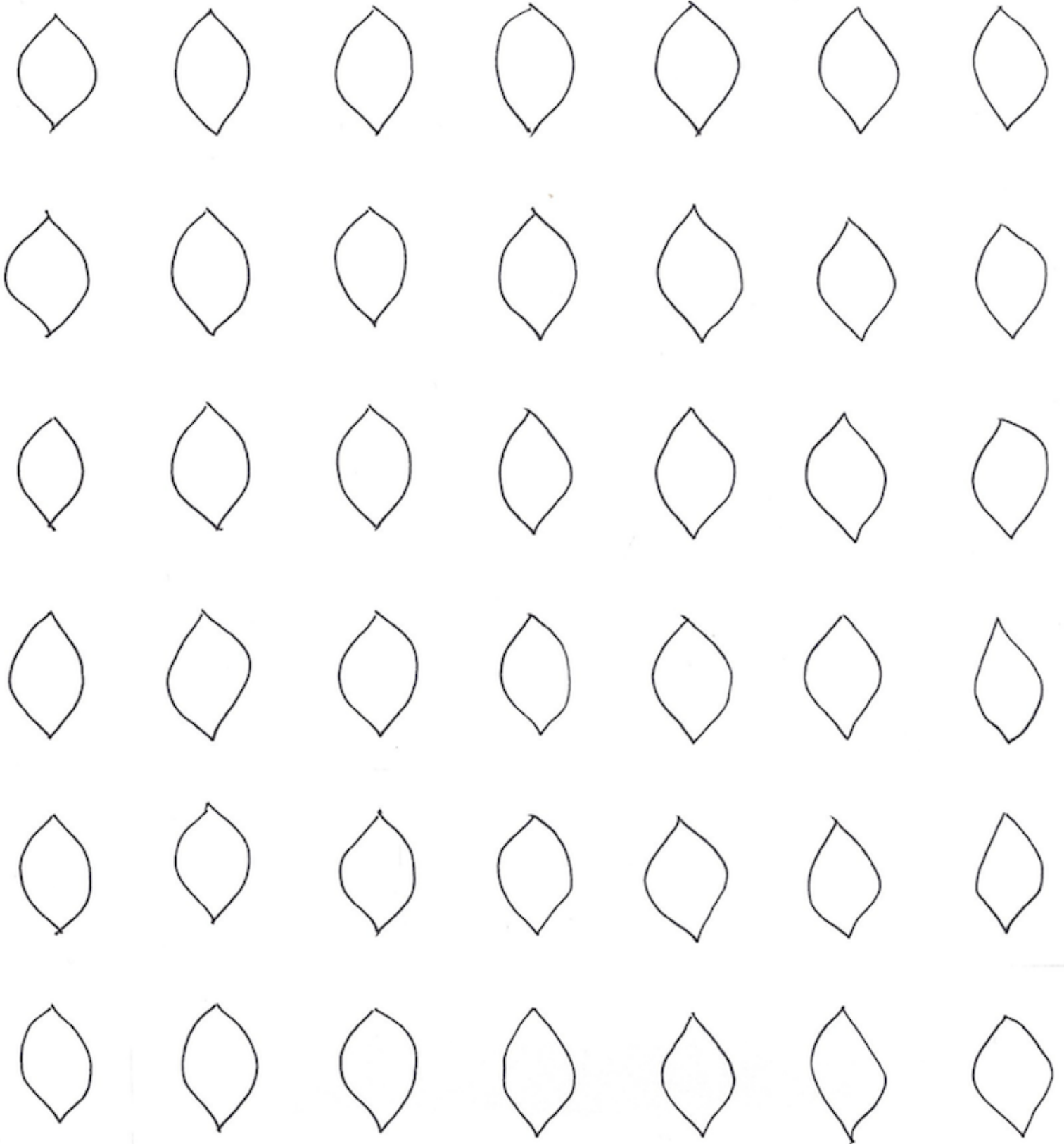
**Template C** - Copy on **GREEN** - 1 wreath per student



**Template D** - Copy on **PURPLE** and **PINK** - 3 purple and 1 pink per child.



**Template E** - Copy on **YELLOW** - 1-4 flames per student, depending on your preference for representing advent (42 flames on this page)



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Template G - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, outline tracing with arrow guides

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Template H - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, outline tracing, no arrow guides

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# Template I - Text - D'Nealian manuscript, tracing dots

A B C D E F G H I J

K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J

K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**Template J** - Text - Blank Rules for Independent Writing  
(single top line: "A is for Advent," single bottom line "a time to prepare.")

Blank writing lines for independent writing. Each line set consists of a solid top line, a dotted middle line, and a solid bottom line.