

## ADVENT REFLECTION

Waiting.

It's not an attractive word.

It seems boring.

What if...You were waiting for something that would change your life?

How would you get ready for it?

Would you make yourself busy, filling your life with noise and distraction?

Rushing to get gratification

Would you spend all your time doing everything...But slowing down?

No?

Well, this is what we do every year.

Each year we have the opportunity, to dramatically change our life, but most of the time we miss it.

We spend our time running around,

Trying to get everything done in time.

When most of us forget,

To get the most important thing ready...

Our Heart. This is what advent is all about.

Slowing down...And waiting.

To get our heart ready.

To bring Jesus into our life..... a bit more fully than before.

### **ADVENT**

Take time. Slow down.

**Open up.**

# "T'was The Night Before Christmas"

T'was the night before Christmas, and all through the town.  
not a sign of Baby Jesus was anywhere to be found.

The people were all busy with Christmas-time chores.  
Like decorating and baking and shopping in stores!  
No one sang 'Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
Instead, they sang of Santa, dressed up in bright red.

Mama watched Martha Stewart,  
Papa drank beer from tap.  
as hour upon hour, the presents they'd wrap.

When what from the TV did they suddenly hear?  
'Cept an ad... which told of a big sale at Sears.  
So away to the mall, they all flew in a flash.  
buying some things on credit, and others with cash!

And as they made their way home, from their trip to the mall.  
did they think about Jesus? Oh no....not at all!

Their lives were so busy, with their Christmas-time things.  
No time to remember Christ Jesus, the King.

There were presents to wrap and cookies to bake.  
How could they stop and remember,  
Who died for their sake?

To pray to the Savior, they had no time to stop.  
Because they needed more time to "Shop 'til they dropped"

On Wal-Mart! On K-Mart! On Target! On Penney's  
On Hallmark On Zales! A quick lunch at Denny's.

From the big stores downtown, to the stores at the mall.  
They would dash away, dash away, and visit them all.

And up on the roof there arose such a clatter.  
as grandpa hung icicle lights,  
up on his brand-new step ladder.

He hung lights that would flash, he hung lights that would twirl.  
Yet he never once prayed to Jesus...  
Light of the World.

Christ's eyes... how they twinkle!  
Christ's spirit... how merry!  
Christ's love... how enormous!  
All our burdens He'll carry!

So instead of being busy, overworked and uptight.  
Let's put Christ back in Christmas,  
And be blessed day and night.