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"The Word of the Day is Advent"

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What	Do we really understand what Advent means in our individual journey of faith as we approach and prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus? Themes: Advent, Call to Worship, Comedy, Meaning
Who	4 Speakers, female or male
When	Present Day
Costumes	Casual attire
Props	None needed
Why	Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:2-7, Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-7
How	Speaker 1 guides the group as others reflect on the meaning of the word "Advent"
Time	3-4 minutes

Speaker 1: The word of the day is *Advent*. Let us reflect upon the meaning of *Advent* for each of us. What a wonderful word for us to consider, especially during this time of year.

Speakers 2, 3, & 4 have no clue as to the real meaning of *Advent*.

Speaker 2: Oh, I am right there with you... *add vent*...I bought a new car last week and it has tons of knobs and gadgets on the dashboard. One of the controls is for the temperature in the car. When someone riding with me gets too warm, I just "consider" their comfort by pushing the *add vent* button.

Speaker 3: No, no, I know what you mean... *adventi*... I stopped into Starbucks yesterday to get some coffee. Well, the clerk asked me what size I wanted. I was needing a real pick me up, so I knew a small wouldn't do. So, I shouted out boldly, "give me an *adventi*!"

Speaker 1: You are not understanding what I mean when I say that our word of the day is *Advent*.

Speaker 4: I'll get the others straight. I know what you mean... *aardvark*... I saw one of those on television. It is an animal which is native to Africa that digs around to find ants and termites to eat. You should see the snout on an *aardvark*!

Speaker 1: You didn't hear me correctly. Our word of the day is not *aardvark*! It is *Advent*.

Speaker 2: I heard you correctly this time... *advent*... I read about this on the internet. There was a lady who kept getting hot in the summer when she wore fancy clothes until she found this special dress that had a vertical slit down the side. The opening in her dress was called an *advent*. I guess it let her get a little more air to keep cool.

Speaker 3: I have the correct meaning... *advent*... I remember when I was in the third grade, my favorite subject was science. We talked about this guy named Thomas Edison. You know, he was the first person to *advent* the light bulb. He was probably the greatest *adventor* ever!

Speaker 1: *(interrupts)* Stop! None of you are close to realizing why I picked *Advent* for the word of the day, are you? Doesn't the word *Advent* cause you to reflect on this truly special time of year for the church?

Speaker 4: Wait! I'm "reflecting!" Let me try again.

Speaker 1: I don't have a good feeling about this but go ahead.

Speaker 4: Yes, I think I have it now... *advent. (deep breath)* Last Sunday, Bill Higgins and I were leaving the church and he was fussing about how loud the music was. Well, I said I thought it was just right. He said I should clean the wax out of my ears so I could hear better! Then I said he should cram some cotton in his and stop complaining! He kept getting madder and madder and started shouting louder and louder so finally I had enough and yelled, "There's no need to *advent* on me!" *(pause)* Get it? Get madder? *Advent?*

Crickets.

Speaker 1: That's enough! Just listen to me for a minute.

Advent... as we begin the Christian year, we celebrate the Holy Season known as Advent. This four-week period of time is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. We use themes like hope, peace, joy and love. The focus of the season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a time when we anticipate the second coming of Christ. That is the meaning of *Advent*. That is why *Advent* is our word of the day!

Speakers: *(not Speaker 1)* Oh!

Blackout.