

My Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 1 Light the first candle (Mary's Candle). Read Luke 1:26-33. Lead your family in worship with "Silent Night."	December 2 Gabriel's message helped Mary get ready for the birth of Jesus. Brainstorm ways your family can get your minds and hearts ready for Christmas.	December 3 Begin to make your own nativity using cups, popsicle sticks, plastic spoons, cloth, building blocks, paper, or whatever you have. Today, create the stable and Mary.	December 4 Lead your family in worship with the Christmas carol "What Child is This?" Pray that your family shares the good news about Jesus just as Gabriel did.	December 5 Make a Christmas card. Draw a picture of the angel Gabriel on the front. Write his announcement inside: "His kingdom will never end." Luke 1:33	December 6 Add an angel to your nativity.	December 7 Read Luke 1:37-38. Make a Christmas card. Draw Gabriel talking to Mary on the front. Write his message inside: "Nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37
December 8 Light the second candle (Joseph's Candle). Read Matthew 1:17-24. Lead your family in worship with "Joy to the World."	December 9 Brainstorm ways your family can serve someone in need this month. Pray for that person to trust God's promises just as Joseph did.	December 10 Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Make a Christmas card. Draw baby Jesus lying in a manger on the front. Write Isaiah's message inside: "Unto us a child is born." Isaiah 9:6	December 11 Add Joseph to your nativity.	December 12 Draw a picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus to give a friend or family member as a gift.	December 13 The angel said Jesus would save His people from their sins. To sin is to do wrong in God's eyes. Read Romans 3:22-24. Thank Jesus for coming to save us.	December 14 Add baby Jesus in the manger to your nativity. You may wish to also add some of the stable animals. Save the sheep for December 16.
December 15 Light the third candle (Bethlehem's Candle). Read Luke 2:1-7. Lead your family in worship with "Away in a Manger."	December 16 Add a shepherd and a sheep to your nativity.	December 17 Make a Christmas card by drawing Mary and Joseph looking at baby Jesus in the manger. Write this message inside: "Good news." Luke 2:10	December 18 Pray for the homeless, for those who are alone, and for soldiers who are far from home this Christmas. Ask God to show them all that He is with them.	December 19 Make a Christmas card by drawing a sky filled with angels. Write a message inside: "Peace on earth." Luke 2:14	December 20 Use your nativity to retell the Christmas story to younger children in your home or neighborhood.	December 21 Deliver your handmade Christmas cards to those who are far from home this Christmas, such as people in a hospital or homeless shelter.
December 22 Light the fourth candle (Shepherds' Candle). Read Luke 2:8-15. Lead your family in worship with "Angels We Have Heard On High."	December 23 Decide on a Christmas act of kindness that you can do for someone and do it!	December 24 Bake and decorate a birthday cake for Jesus to use as part of your celebration tonight or tomorrow.	December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Light the center candle (The Christ Candle). Read Luke 2:16-20. Sing your favorite Christmas hymns and praise God as the shepherds did.			

ADVENT means "coming." The Advent Season is the 4 Sundays before Christmas when we get our hearts ready to celebrate the birth of King Jesus. Create a Family Advent Wreath with green leaves. Weave gold ribbon through the greenery to remind you of a crown for the King of kings. Place four candles in holders along the inner rim of the wreath. Place one candle in the center. At the end of each daily activity, color its box to celebrate the coming of Christmas Day!