Our 25-Day Christian Advent Calendar

A short Bible reading and a simple activity for every day from December 1 to 25

What's inside

- Page 2: Calendar poster with 25 squares to color
- Pages 3–5: 25 cut-out activity cards (plus 2 blank cards for your own ideas)
- Page 6: Nativity scene to color

How to use it

1. Print the calendar poster and the 25 activity cards.
2. Cut out the cards and put them in numbered envelopes, small bags, a jar or a box.
3. Each day, open one card together. Read the short Bible passage, then do the activity.
4. Color that day's square on the calendar poster, or stick a star on it.
5. On Christmas Day, read the full nativity story together and celebrate!

The four weeks of Advent

Hope	December 1–7	God keeps His promises.
Peace	December 8–14	Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
Joy	December 15–21	Good news of great joy!
Love	December 22–25	God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Tip: Keep the calendar somewhere you see every day, like on the fridge or by the breakfast table. Ten minutes a day is plenty, and if you miss a day, simply catch up or move on. Advent should feel joyful, not stressful.



Our Advent Calendar

Color a square or stick a star on it each day. Count down to Christmas!

Week 1: Hope December 1–7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Week 2: Peace December 8–14

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Week 3: Joy December 15–21

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Week 4: Love December 22–25

22	23	24	25
☆	☆	☆	☆

Merry Christmas!

Jesus is born!

Advent Activity Cards 1–9

Cut along the dashed lines. Open one card each day.

1

DEC 1 · HOPE

God's promise

Read: Isaiah 9:6

Talk about promises. Make a paper star and write “God keeps His promises” on it.

2

DEC 2 · HOPE

Waiting with hope

Read: Psalm 130:5

Play a waiting game: set a timer for one minute and sit quietly. Talk about what is hard about waiting.

3

DEC 3 · HOPE

Light in the darkness

Read: Isaiah 9:2

Turn off the lights and light a candle (with an adult) or a flashlight. Talk about Jesus as the light of the world.

4

DEC 4 · HOPE

The angel visits Mary

Read: Luke 1:26–33

Draw an angel and color it in.

5

DEC 5 · HOPE

Mary says yes

Read: Luke 1:38

Do one helpful job today without being asked, just like Mary was willing to help God.

6

DEC 6 · HOPE

Mary visits Elizabeth

Read: Luke 1:39–45

Call or video-chat a relative you haven’t seen for a while.

7

DEC 7 · HOPE

God's love for the world

Read: John 3:16

Make a paper heart for each person in your family and hide them for them to find.

8

DEC 8 · PEACE

Joseph's dream

Read: Matthew 1:20–21

Talk about dreams and draw a picture of Joseph sleeping.

9

DEC 9 · PEACE

Prince of Peace

Read: Isaiah 9:6

Make up with anyone you’ve argued with recently. Practice saying “I’m sorry” and “I forgive you.”

Advent Activity Cards 10–18

Cut along the dashed lines. Open one card each day.

10

DEC 10 · PEACE

The journey to Bethlehem

Read: Luke 2:1–5

Go for a family walk and imagine Mary and Joseph's long journey.

11

DEC 11 · PEACE

No room at the inn

Read: Luke 2:7

Collect warm clothes or food to donate to people who need a home or a meal.

12

DEC 12 · PEACE

Peace on earth

Read: Luke 2:14

Write a "peace prayer" for someone who is going through a hard time.

13

DEC 13 · PEACE

Be still

Read: Psalm 46:10

Have a quiet "candlelight minute" before bed.

14

DEC 14 · PEACE

Bethlehem, little town

Read: Micah 5:2

Build a little town of Bethlehem using blocks, boxes or building bricks.

15

DEC 15 · JOY

Jesus is born

Read: Luke 2:6–7

Set up a nativity scene, or color the printable one (page 6).

16

DEC 16 · JOY

Good news of great joy

Read: Luke 2:10

Sing a favorite Christmas carol together.

17

DEC 17 · JOY

The shepherds

Read: Luke 2:8–12

Make a shepherd costume from a towel and a bathrobe belt, and act out the story.

18

DEC 18 · JOY

The angels sing

Read: Luke 2:13–14

Make paper-plate angels to hang on the tree.

Advent Activity Cards 19–25

Cut along the dashed lines. Open one card each day.

19 DEC 19 · JOY

The shepherds hurry

Read: Luke 2:15–16

Have a race to put away toys. Talk about how excited the shepherds were.

20 DEC 20 · JOY

Telling everyone

Read: Luke 2:17–18

Make Christmas cards to share the good news with friends and neighbors.

21 DEC 21 · JOY

Mary treasures it all

Read: Luke 2:19

Look at old family photos and share happy memories.

22 DEC 22 · LOVE

The star

Read: Matthew 2:1–2

Go outside on a clear night and look at the stars together.

23 DEC 23 · LOVE

Gifts for the King

Read: Matthew 2:11

Wrap a small gift for someone outside your family, like a neighbor or a teacher.

24 DEC 24 · LOVE

God is with us

Read: Matthew 1:23

On Christmas Eve, light every candle on the Advent wreath (with an adult) and pray together.

25 DEC 25 · LOVE

Merry Christmas!

Read: Luke 2:1–20

Read the whole Christmas story together and sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus.

My own Advent idea

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The Nativity: Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:6–7 · Color the nativity scene (Day 15).

