

FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR 2011

- Read and reflect on the Bible passage indicated in the box for each day
- There is an additional idea outlined on the Children's Advent Calendar

<p>Nov 27 Pick a prayer to recite today and every day of Advent as a family</p> <p><i>Lk 1:26-27</i></p>	<p>28 As a family, try to think of 100 reasons you are thankful; save the list to place in the nativity with Jesus on Christmas Day</p> <p><i>Lk 1:28</i></p>	<p>29 Pray a decade of the rosary for the hungry and homeless people in the world; pray for people to help them</p> <p><i>Lk 1:29</i></p>	<p>30 Show love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely (ex: kind words, visit, phone, email, letter)</p> <p><i>Lk 1:30</i></p>	<p>Dec 1 Tell at least 2 people how special they are with anonymous notes or letters</p> <p><i>Lk 1:31</i></p>	<p>2 Go to the church as a family to visit the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p><i>Lk 1:32-33</i></p>	<p>3 Clean the yard or the house together as a family</p> <p><i>Lk 1:34</i></p>
<p>4 Come together as a family and gather things to donate to families in need</p> <p><i>Lk 1:35</i></p>	<p>5 Today, focus on listening to others; refrain from talking about yourself (avoid saying me, myself, I)</p> <p><i>Lk 1:36-37</i></p>	<p>6 Read about St. Nicholas on his feast day today; say a prayer to St. Nicholas</p> <p><i>Lk 1:38</i></p>	<p>7 As a family, say a prayer for the unborn child</p> <p><i>Lk 1:39-40</i></p>	<p>8 Learn about the Immaculate Conception of Mary; pray for Mary to help you get closer to Jesus</p> <p><i>Lk 1:41-42</i></p>	<p>9 Contact a family member or friend who you have been meaning to call or write, but haven't</p> <p><i>Lk 1:43</i></p>	<p>10 As a family, go to the church for confession or to pray</p> <p><i>Lk 1:44</i></p>
<p>11 Find a Bible passage that offers you a challenge, and apply it through your day</p> <p><i>Lk 1:45</i></p>	<p>12 Learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe; enjoy a Mexican meal (i.e. tacos) as a family</p> <p><i>Lk 1:56</i></p>	<p>13 Make a special effort to help a friend; say a prayer for that friend</p> <p><i>Mt 1:18</i></p>	<p>14 Do something kind for someone you find hard to like; think of 10 good qualities about that person</p> <p><i>Mt 1:19-20</i></p>	<p>15 Do an anonymous, kind act for someone; tell no one about it</p> <p><i>Mt 1:21</i></p>	<p>16 Take everything that comes to you today with thanks and joy, without complaint</p> <p><i>Mt 1:22-23</i></p>	<p>17 As a family, pray a decade of the rosary and then play a card or board game</p> <p><i>Mt 1:24</i></p>
<p>18 Cook a meal together as a family</p> <p><i>Mt 1:25</i></p>	<p>19 When anyone acts in an unkind way toward you, say a prayer for them</p> <p><i>Mt 2:1-2</i></p>	<p>20 Tell the members of your family why you love them and why you are grateful for them</p> <p><i>Mt 2:3-4</i></p>	<p>21 Open up the Bible to a page and pray about what it says</p> <p><i>Mt 2:5-6</i></p>	<p>22 Perform an act of kindness for a neighbour (ex: shovel driveway of elderly neighbour)</p> <p><i>Mt 2:7-8</i></p>	<p>23 Read the Advent story with your family (Lk 1:26-38); discuss how Advent is celebrated in the world today</p> <p><i>Mt 2:9</i></p>	<p>24 As a family, discuss your celebration of Advent</p> <p><i>Mt 2:10-11</i></p>
<p>25 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS Say a prayer to offer all Advent prayers and deeds to Jesus</p> <p><i>Lk 2:7</i></p>	<p>26 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:4-6</i></p>	<p>27 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:7-8</i></p>	<p>28 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:9-12</i></p>	<p>29 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:13-16</i></p>	<p>30 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:17-19</i></p>	<p>31 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS</p> <p><i>Mt 2:20</i></p>

CHILDRENS ADVENT CALENDAR 2011.

- Read and reflect on the Bible passage indicated in the box for each day
- Each morning, read the Advent focus of that day. In the evening, talk about the day with your family. Cut out the square for that day and place it in a small box or container. On Christmas Eve, wrap up this box. On Christmas morning, give Jesus the first gift – the little wrapped box holding all your Advent prayers and deeds. Place the gift in the nativity with Jesus.

<p>Nov 27 Make an Advent wreath and light the 1st candle; Pick a prayer to recite today and every day of Advent <i>Lk 1:26-27</i></p>	<p>28 Make and give a special card to a teacher or caregiver <i>Lk 1:28</i></p>	<p>29 Pray today for the hungry and homeless people in the world <i>Lk 1:29</i></p>	<p>30 Offer to set the table and say grace at mealtime; suggest your family holds hands <i>Lk 1:30</i></p>	<p>Dec 1 Give the gift of love by telling 2 special people why they are special to you <i>Lk 1:31</i></p>	<p>2 Draw or color a picture of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem; share the story with someone <i>Lk 1:32-33</i></p>	<p>3 Ask permission to make popcorn and have a special night with your family <i>Lk 1:34</i></p>
<p>4 Light the 2nd candle on your Advent wreath; Donate some of your used toys and books to families in need <i>Lk 1:35</i></p>	<p>5 Clean your bedroom, and tidy your toys without being asked by your parents <i>Lk 1:36-37</i></p>	<p>6 Read about St. Nicholas; celebrate by leaving a shoe out to see if they are filled with coins (chocolate coins can be used!) <i>Lk 1:38</i></p>	<p>7 Say a prayer for children who are not as blessed as you are <i>Lk 1:39-40</i></p>	<p>8 Pray the Hail Mary with your family and learn about the Immaculate Conception of Mary <i>Lk 1:41-42</i></p>	<p>9 Make a Christmas card for at least 2 elderly friends / family members <i>Lk 1:43</i></p>	<p>10 Make hot chocolate as a family <i>Lk 1:44</i></p>
<p>11 Light the 3rd candle on your Advent wreath; Bring food for St. Vincent de Paul <i>Lk 1:45</i></p>	<p>12 Say only good things to your siblings and parents today <i>Lk 1:56</i></p>	<p>13 Do a kind deed for a friend <i>Mt 1:18</i></p>	<p>14 Do something kind for someone who you do not like a lot; think of 5 good things about that person <i>Mt 1:19-20</i></p>	<p>15 Make your own original Christmas cards for each family member, or use using old Christmas cards <i>Mt 1:21</i></p>	<p>16 Obey your parents today without arguing or complaining <i>Mt 1:22-23</i></p>	<p>17 Go for a wintery walk with your family or visit an elderly or lonely person <i>Mt 1:24</i></p>
<p>18 Light the 4th candle on your Advent wreath; Do 10 good deeds today <i>Mt 1:25</i></p>	<p>19 Say a prayer for 2 people who you do not get along well with <i>Mt 2:1-2</i></p>	<p>20 Write a note to your parents and tell them how much you love them (or draw them a special picture) <i>Mt 2:3-4</i></p>	<p>21 Tell 2 people why you are excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday – not about how excited you are to get presents <i>Mt 2:5-6</i></p>	<p>22 Do something kind for your neighbours <i>Mt 2:7-8</i></p>	<p>23 Read the Advent story with your family (<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>) <i>Mt 2:9</i></p>	<p>24 Wrap box that holds your Advent calendar to give to Jesus on his birthday tomorrow <i>Mt 2:10-11</i></p>
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