The Night Before Advent Hot Chocolate Party

Begin a new family tradition:
Gather together and celebrate the beginning of Advent with this special party!
Or use this kit to throw a big party for your neighborhood,
for your community, for the kids at your church.

Share the excitement of Unwrapping The Greatest Gift this Christmas!

Simply print out this kit, gather a few simple supplies,
and set aside a special night to celebrate Christmas by focusing on Christ
and helping the little hearts in your life get excited about
The Greatest Gift: Jesus!

Included in this packet:
- Planning Checklist/List of Supplies
  - Invitations
  - Signs & Decorations
  - Homemade Hot Cocoa Recipe
  - Place Cards
- Night Before Advent Box Instructions & Kit
  (including “The Night Before Advent” story)

(also needed: Free Printable Advent Calendar and Printable Advent Ornaments,
both found on TheGreatestChristmas.com)

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Before the Party

__ 1. Print invitations if you are inviting friends or neighbors to the party
__ 2. Print out the printables from this kit:
   ___ Signs and banners to decorate (2 banners, 1 8x10 print, and 5 table-top prints are included in this kit)
   ___ Place Cards (use these however you wish – to label hot cocoa toppings, to put at each person’s place setting if you are setting a table, etc)
   ___ The Night Before Christmas Box – labels
   ___ The Night Before Christmas Story
__ 3. Download & print the Free Advent Calendar Envelopes & Ornaments (at TheGreatestChristmas.com)
__ 4. Gather supplies needed:
   ___ Supplies for Hot Chocolate Station
      ___ ingredients for simple homemade hot chocolate (see recipe in this kit)
      ___ toppings for hot chocolate
   ___ Supplies for the Night Before Advent Box
      ___ Unwrapping The Greatest Gift book
      ___ Advent Calendar / Advent Ornaments
      ___ Packets of Hot Chocolate
      ___ Popcorn
      ___ Christmas Pajamas for the kids
      ___ Any other goodies or treats you want to include

For the Party

__ 5. Hang up signs and banners to decorate.
__ 6. Prepare your Night Before Advent Box (see instructions on pg )
__ 7. Set up a “Hot Chocolate Bar”
   (or simply make some hot cocoa for your family)
__ 8. Bake some cookies or buy some treats for the party
   (keep it simple, just a little something to go with the hot chocolate)

At the Party

Serve cookies and cocoa, play Christmas music, open your Night Before Christmas Advent Box and share the excitement of unwrapping The Greatest Gift!

You can incorporate any other family traditions into this night that you want – anything that will help your family celebrate Christ and get your hearts ready and excited to invite Jesus into your home this Christmas: decorate the Christmas tree, color the printable ornaments for your Advent Calendar, sing Christmas carols, anything to make this night a special celebration, to turn your hearts to Jesus.
The Night Before Advent invitation

Because Who Doesn’t Want to Unwrap The Greatest Gift?

YOU’RE INVITED to a Hot Chocolate Party that will warm you right through with the GREATEST LOVE

When

Where

RSVP
“Come, and don’t miss Jesus. Come, and unwrap His story, the most unbeatable, unstoppable, unfailling love story”
- Ann Voskamp, “Unwrapping The Greatest Gift”

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B A N N E R

directions:
Cut along solid lines. Punch holes in top corners. Lace a long piece of string or twine through the holes. Hang and enjoy!

tip: try layering your banner with bunting or garland for added color and texture. Use the patterned bunting provided in this kit, or make your own out of fabric strips, ribbon, yarn, or scrapbook paper.

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HOT chocolate STATION

Add 4 spoonfuls of cocoa to one cup of hot milk.
Top with your choice of toppings.
Enjoy!
THANKS
BE TO GOD
for His
indescribable
GIFT

2 Corinthians 9:15
We are most prepared for Christmas when we revel in His presence as The Gift

Ann Voskamp, “The Greatest Gift”
FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN
UNTO US
A SON
is given

Isaiah 9:6
(NKJV)
CHRISTMAS is about God’s doing whatever it takes to be with us—and our doing whatever it takes to be with Him

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Simple Homemade Hot Chocolate Recipe

2 cups powdered milk
1 1/2 cups cocoa
2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup powdered creamer
a dash of salt

Mix all ingredients together & put in a jar
(double or triple the recipe if you are expecting lots of guests)
To serve: mix about 1/4 cup of cocoa (4 heaping spoonfuls)
with 1 cup of hot milk

Set up a Hot Chocolate Station by setting out various toppings
in bowls and jars on the table. Provide mugs, hot milk, and your
homemade cocoa mix and let your kids (or guests) have fun
making their own special cup of cocoa!

Here are some topping ideas you may want to use:
- marshmallows       - whipped cream       - crushed candy canes
- chocolate chips    - chocolate-filled wafers - flavored syrups
- m&ms               - crushed toffee       - sprinkles
- full size candy canes or Pirouette cookies to use as stir sticks
Cut along solid lines. Fold along dashed lines.
Fill a box (or a bag) with special goodies to kick off Advent!

Open up your box on the night before Advent, and begin UNWRAPPING THE GREATEST GIFT together!

Here are some ideas of what to include in your Night Before Advent Box:

- Christmas Pajamas for the kids
- Fuzzy socks
- Packets of hot cocoa
- Popcorn
- Any treats and goodies to make the night a special celebration!
- The family Advent book, Unwrapping The Greatest Gift
- An Advent Calendar (Advent envelopes & tags can be found at TheGreatestChristmas.com)
- Advent Ornaments (printable ornaments can be found at TheGreatestChristmas.com, or use your own)

Gather your supplies, wrap them in your box (or tuck them into a bag) Open it up with your family (or friends, neighbors, church group) on the night before Advent (or any time during the Christmas season!) and CELEBRATE the greatest most wonderful Gift of all: Jesus!

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Twas the night before Advent when all through God’s House not a heart wasn’t stirring, not a heart wasn’t roused. His people wrapped around His Word with awe, Awaiting wonders and the fresh grace of God.

The children were anxious for His Story to start, these Visions of love dancing loud in their hearts. And God in His glory, and us, in Jesus Christ, settled only for a Christmas all about Christ.

When out on the streets, the frenzy came with a clatter, Yet in hearts, Joy sprang up, centred on Who matters. Away from the stresses, we flew like a prayer, Simply opened our hands and made room to prepare.

For the Light of the World to warm every dark space, a lustre of hope cupped in every cold place. Till what to our wandering hearts should appear, Murmurs of a King and Love drawing near.

In a Book of Old Pages, so Living and True, you can hear Jesus whisper, I’m coming for You. Through Every Story, The King fiercely came, And He beckons you, woos you, and calls you by name!

“Come Beloved! Come Chosen! Come Special Child! Come Wanted! Come Nearer! Come Feel the King’s Smile!” From Creation’s first star to manger’s bright light, Unwrap His Love Story till He holds you one night.

He spoke all Love’s Word, then became Word in the Skin And filled every heart that would welcome Him in. And laying Himself down into manger’s straw, He’s Your Immanuel, With Us is God.

Advent unwraps wonder, the greatest gift ever dreamed, so come adore Him, the One who redeemed all the willing and wanting with this Advent Awe a sacred, slow Unwrapping of a season of God.

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