

Family Advent Calendar 2018

North Shore UMC – Shore Kids

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Where did you see HOPE today? 						
2 Read Matthew 13:54-56 together... Jesus shared characteristics & traits with his father, what characteristics & traits do you share with family members...	3 Purple is the liturgical color for advent. It is a symbol of royalty & we use it as we prepare for the birth of our King. Look for purple today and remember that Jesus is King	4 Say a prayer for and/or write a letter to a soldier serving overseas and send it. It will bring them joy to know they are being thought about and prayed for while they are far away from home	5 Pregnancy is an extremely exciting and stressful time. Think of someone you knows that is pregnant & pray for their new arrival!	6 Encourage one another! Share some sticky notes & have each family member write an encouraging note to each other. Leave them in places for each other to find.	7 Trimming the tree! As you decorate your tree take some time to pick out your favorite ornament(s) and/or decoration(s) and share why it is your favorite.	8 Christmas is all about giving and receiving! To make room to receive, practice giving. Have each family member choose at least 5 gently used items to donate to your favorite charity.
How did you show LOVE today? 						
9 Read Matthew 1:18-25 together... All parents love their children. It takes a special kind of love to adopt a child. Share how you know you are loved...	10 Use coffee filters to cut out snowflakes. Look, each one is unique. Take time to encourage each other & share one special thing you love about each other.	11 “And He shall be called Emmanuel.” Names are important. Talk about where your names come from & what it means. Maybe google it if you don’t know.	12 Traditions are merry memory makers! Share a tradition & why you enjoyed it growing up. Ask kiddos what their favorite traditions are. Maybe start a new one.	13 Blue is the liturgical color for Mary, who said yes when God asked her to have Jesus. Look for blue things today and thank God for Mary and other faithful people in your life.	14 Make a list together of things a family might need for a new baby. Pick one as a family & make a plan to get that item & donate it to a local charity that helps families.	15 Bake or cook a Christmas treat & share with a friend or neighbor. When you deliver, take a few minutes and ask them what their favorite Christmas tradition is.
Where did you see JOY today? 						
16 Read Luke 1:39-55 together... Jesus’ mother Mary sings a song. What do you do to celebrate when you are happy or joyful?	17 Enjoy a candy cane together. Notice the shape & the colors. What might they symbolize. Usually there are 3 stripes to represent the Holy Trinity.	18 Evergreen is a reminder of eternal life & the circle shape reminds us that God’s love has no end. Look for evergreens and circles today & remember God’s unconditional love.	19 It is so sweet when we can gather around the table! Prepare and eat a Red and Green themed meal together!	20 Gold is a precious metal of great worth. It is a color of royalty. Gold was one of the gifts the wisemen brought. Look for the color gold today and remember that Jesus is King	21 Check out Pintrest, pick a project, make something for a shut-in, & deliver it. Ask them about their kids or grandkids & ask what their plans are for Christmas. Maybe invite them to join us Christmas Eve.	22 Drive around your neighborhood or go somewhere to look at Christmas lights. Talk about how the lights represent Jesus, The Light of the World.
Where did you find PEACE today? 						
23 Read Luke 2:1-20 together... Another name for Jesus is Prince of Peace. What brings you peace?	24 First responders work hard year round. Make a special treat to deliver to your local fire station or police station.	25 Merry Christmas & Happy Birthday Jesus Make a birthday cake for Jesus!	26 The color white represents purity & peace. Look for white things today and be grateful for forgiveness.	27 Pop some popcorn & enjoy a Christmas classic. Maybe turn it into a slumber party & all sleep under the tree.	28 The New Year is a great time to set get rid of the old. Since you got new stuff for Christmas, how about donating some old toys.	29 The New Year is a great time to set new goals. Write down 3 things you hope to accomplish this year & post it as a reminder.