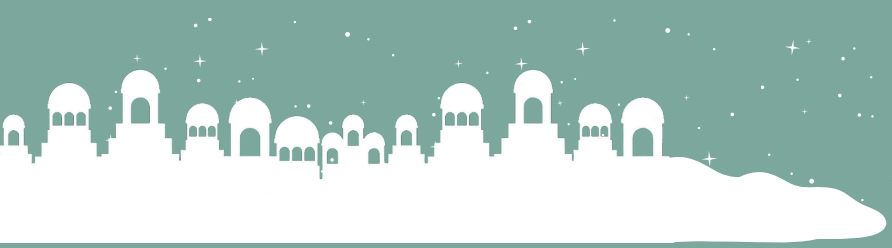




# Christmas Advent Calendar

While decorating your tree, talk about ways you can shine light and joy this season.	Read John 1:1–9	Drive around to look at Christmas lights and talk about how Jesus brings light to the world.	Share an encouraging text or verse with a friend who needs some light today.	Make a homemade ornament that reminds you of something God has lit up in your life this year.
Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
Listen to your favorite carol and reflect on how it brings light or hope.	Do one secret act of kindness today, let your light shine quietly.	Read 2 Peter 3:8–18	Make paper snowflakes. Write your favorite verses on them and hang them on your windows.	Share one Christmas tradition that helps you slow down and feel connected?
Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9
Write a thank-you note to someone who has helped you grow. (Teacher, coach, mentor, etc.)	Bake something together and talk about why good things take time.	Take a quiet moment with a warm drink to think about where God is growing patience or grace in you.	Pray for someone who might be waiting on God this season.	Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14
Think of someone who encouraged you this year and tell them how they helped you.	Bake cookies and share them with a friend or neighbor who needs encouragement.	Choose one moment today to pause before reacting. Think about how God would want you to respond.	Watch your favorite Christmas movie. Discuss one character who showed kindness, patience, or self-control.	Pay for someone's drink or meal today.
Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
Read John 1:14–18	Wake up a little early, enjoy a warm drink, and reflect on the blessings you've had this year.	Build a nativity (toy, craft or gingerbread) scene and talk about each part.	Read Luke 2:1-20 by the glow of the Christmas Tree.	Think about the ways you have seen love this season. Then celebrate them!
Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24





# Christmas Advent Devotional



## Week 1

Nov 30–Dec 6

### Be a Light

Jesus came to bring light and we get to share that light with the people around us. Like turning on the Christmas tree in a dark room, His light changes everything.

**Read:** John 1:1–9

**Reflect:**

- What's one way you've seen "light" this week?
- How can our family "shine" this Christmas season?

**Pray:**

- Thank Jesus for who He is and what He's done.
- Notice God's light and look for ways to share it in ordinary moments through your week.
- Ask for a little more patience, kindness, and love this week.
- Ask for help carrying God's light into every conversation.

**Share:**

- Do one "secret act of kindness" this week and don't tell the person it was you.

## Week 2

Dec 7–Dec 13

### Grow in Grace & Knowledge

(Waiting on God's Timing)

Waiting is hard! But it's how we grow. This week is all about practicing patience, learning together, and showing grace to others while we trust that God's helping us grow while waiting.

**Read:** 2 Peter 3:8–18

**Reflect:**

- What helps you remember delays are not God's absence?
- What's something you're waiting for right now?

**Pray:**

- Ask God to help you wait with hope instead of rushing.
- Remember His timing has purpose, even when life feels slow.
- Notice what God is growing in you during the waiting.
- Ask Jesus to help you slow down and look for Him in everyday moments.

**Share:**

- Pick up a 2nd bookmark to give to someone who could use a little hope in the chapter they're walking through.

## Week 3

Dec 14–Dec 20

### Self-Control & Encouraging Others

God promises a future full of peace. While we're living in the right now, we get to practice self-control and look for ways to encourage each other, kind of like cheering teammates on.

**Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 + Isaiah 65:17–25

**Reflect:**

- What area of your life needs more intentional self-control?
- Who around you needs encouragement this week?

**Pray:**

- Ask God for steady hearts while you wait on His promises.
- Look for chances to speak life and encouragement to others.
- Ask Jesus to help you choose patience and self-control.
- Pray that you stay filled with peace and encouragement, even on busy or frustrating days.

**Share:**

- Set a goal to speak words of encouragement each day this week. Notice how it changes you and others around you.

## Week 4

Dec 21–Dec 24

### Grace & Truth (Blessing upon blessing)

Jesus came close to us and showed us kindness and honesty. That's what love looks like. As Christmas arrives, we get to share those blessings with others.

**Read:** John 1:14–18

**Reflect:**

- How can you be someone's blessing this week?
- What ways can we bring grace into a stressful moment this week?

**Pray:**

- Thank Jesus for the blessings you have.
- Ask for chances to pass that hope on.
- Look for ways to bring blessing into someone else's life.

**Share:**

- Pay for someone's coffee, share a meal, or give a smile to someone who may need it.

As we move toward Christmas, we're taking time to reflect on what it means to live between Advents. From celebrating that Jesus came near, to trusting Him as we wait for what is still to come, this season meets us right where we are. It welcomes the curious, the weary, the hopeful, and those who want to grow. Whoever you are and whatever this year has been, we're glad you are here.