

2024 ADVENT

Calendar

Advent is a season of waiting.

As believers in Christ, we practice waiting for our King to return by celebrating and reflecting on His first arrival. This calendar is designed to help you build traditions which help your family find its roots in TREASURING CHRIST and CHERISHING FAMILY during this season of waiting.

<p>1</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 40:3-5 ASK: What similarities do we share with the Babylonians who were waiting for rescue? BUILD TRADITION: Deck the halls! Decorate for Christmas & pray your family's faith in God will be strengthened this Christmas season.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 40:9-11 ASK: What does God ask the people to do in V.9? How does God protect & provide in V.10-11? BUILD TRADITION: Take a walk & look at the stars & share how this increases your faith in God!</p>	<p>3</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 52:7-10 ASK: What kind of news does the messenger bring? How are the feet described that bring the news? Why do you think that is so? BUILD TRADITION: Name three things you are grateful for and share why.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 7:10-14 ASK: Was it important that God used signs? What did they mean? BUILD TRADITION: All family members choose one item to donate to charity and drop it all off together.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 11:1-5 ASK: List the various 'spirits' that rest on the coming Christ. Did you know that Jesus models these so we can walk in the same manner? BUILD TRADITION: Make Christmas cookies!</p>
<p>6</p> <p>READ: Isaiah 9:6-7 ASK: Why do you think each name given to the child is important? What kind of government/kingdom is the child supposed to bring? BUILD TRADITION: Watch a favorite family Christmas movie together!</p>	<p>7</p> <p>READ: Jeremiah 33:14-16 ASK: What promise is God making in this verse? Who is the "righteous branch" and what will they do? BUILD TRADITION: Write a family mission statement, if you don't already have one.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>READ: Micah 5:2 ASK: What is the significance in predicting the birthplace of the Messiah? How does it reflect the role of Bethlehem in biblical prophecy? BUILD TRADITION: Attend the FBCO Christmas program.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>READ: Zechariah 6:12-13 ASK: How do these verses describe "The Branch": building the temple & being both king and priest; why is this important to understand who Messiah will be? BUILD TRADITION: Family dance party to favorite Christmas music!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>READ: Psalm 89:1-4 ASK: How does God promise to take care of King David's family forever? Why is this important? BUILD TRADITION: Make a favorite snack & share Christmas memories!</p>
<p>11</p> <p>READ: John 3:16 ASK: How does God show his love for the world? What does He promise to everyone who believes in Jesus? BUILD TRADITION: Attend Wednesday night church & learn more about our service partnership with Four Corners!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>READ: Galatians 4:4-5 ASK: How did God send his Son at the right time? What did Jesus do to make us part of God's family? BUILD TRADITION: Pray & thank God for His goodness to your family!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>READ: 2 Corinthians 9:15 ASK: Why does Paul thank God for His 'incredible gift'? What do you think the gift is? BUILD TRADITION: Create a homemade Christmas card & encourage your Sunday School teacher or small group leader!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>READ: John 1:1-8 ASK: What does 'In the beginning was the Word' mean? How does John describe the role of Jesus in the world? BUILD TRADITION: Choose a charity & give to others in need. BONUS: Do extra chores & donate the money.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>READ: John 1:9-18 ASK: Who is the 'true light' John talks about? What happens to the people who believe in Jesus according to this passage? BUILD TRADITION: Attend the FBCO handbell choir performance.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>READ: Matthew 1:18-25 ASK: How did Mary become pregnant and how did Joseph react? What does the name 'Immanuel' mean? BUILD TRADITION: Visit Four Corners Ministry and LEARN how we can SERVE the mission field.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:5-13 ASK: Why were Zechariah and Elizabeth special? What did the angel tell Zechariah in the temple? BUILD TRADITION: Make a family homemade ornament to add to your tree.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:14-17 ASK: What did the angel say about Zechariah's son's future? How would he help people? BUILD TRADITION: Attend the Live Nativity at FBCO!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:18-25 ASK: Why did Zechariah doubt the angel's message? What happened because of his doubt? BUILD TRADITION: Invite someone new to the Christmas services at FBCO.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:26-38 ASK: What does the angel tell Mary about the son she will have? BUILD TRADITION: Put on your PJ's and jump in the car and drive to look at neighborhood lights.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:39-45 ASK: What happened to Elizabeth when she heard Mary greet her? How did Elizabeth feel about Mary's visit? BUILD TRADITION: Make a sweet treat that you can share with a neighbor.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:46-56 ASK: In Mary's song of praise, for what does she thank God? How does she describe God's kindness to her & others? BUILD TRADITION: Each family member shares their favorite Bible verse and tells why it's his or her favorite.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:57-66 ASK: What was special about the birth of Elizabeth's baby? Why did people think it important they named him John? BUILD TRADITION: Make paper snowflakes, decorate your windows, and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>READ: Luke 1:67-80 ASK: What did Zechariah say in his prophecy about his son John & what God was doing for his people? BUILD TRADITION: Attend Christmas service at FBCO.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>READ: Luke 2:1-21 ASK: Why did Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem? What happened when Jesus was born? What did the angels tell the Shepherds? BUILD TRADITION: Write down BLESSINGS to be thankful for to pack away with Christmas decor.</p> <p><i>MERRY Christmas</i></p>

"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, who look forward to something greater to come.

For these, it is enough to wait in humble fear until the Holy One himself comes down to us, God in the child in the manger.

God comes. The Lord Jesus comes. Christmas comes. Christians rejoice!" -DIETRICH BONHOFFER