



*Advent*

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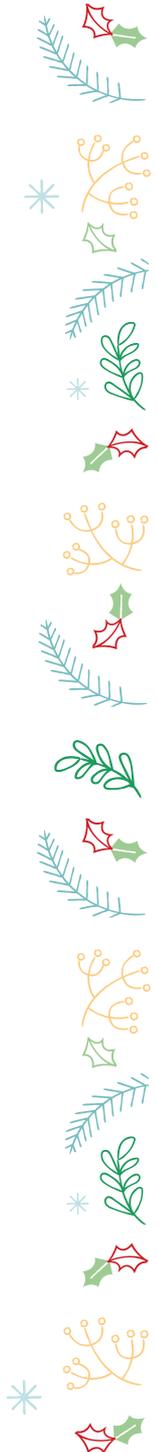
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## Introduction

For Christians Advent is a season of expectation. It is the advent of Jesus' arrival into the world, the incarnation, God taking on flesh and dwelling among us. We pray that this guide will be a blessing to you and your family as you celebrate the birth of our Savior.



## Tips for Using this Guide



**Daily Family Activity:** This fun and simple activity will get your family talking, encouraging each other, having fun and sharing about Jesus every day during the Advent season!

It includes conversation starters, prayer prompts, and this or that fun. This is great to do at meals or on the go!



To set up your family devotional, please collect three jars/vases/glasses and a pair of scissors. Cut the strips of paper that have the candle on them (Prayer Prompts) and put them in the first jar. Cut the strips of paper that have the present on them (This or That) and place them in the second jar. Cut the strips of paper that have the stars on them (Conversation Starters) and place them in the third jar. Feel free to decorate/label your jars as creatively as you and your family want!



Once a day during Advent, pick one slip from each category/color and take turns answering the question on the paper.



WEEK 1



# Hope DAY 1



Monday, November 28  
Written by Pastor Kris



Christmas is not only what happened in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus's birth and arrival on the scene is part of a grander story that reaches all the way back to the beginning of time when God created the world. The birth of Jesus brought hope and light into the world.



## Read Isaiah 9:2,6

1. What does Isaiah mean by "darkness" in verse 2?
2. Who will be the light? How is He described in verse 6?

## Read John 8:12

3. How is following Jesus like following someone with a light through a dark place for you?

# Hope

DAY 2



Tuesday, November 29

Written by Pastor Kris



The Advent and Christmas seasons invite us to see Jesus as the Savior of the world who came to Earth as a baby. Jesus existed long before His birth in the manger. He is part of what is called the Godhead or Trinity and He has always existed as God. We have one God revealed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Christmas marks the entrance of Jesus, the Son, into the world.

## Read John 1:1-5

1. Who is the "Word" that John is describing? What facts about "the Word" can you find in verses 1-5?

## Read 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. What three individuals does Paul reference?

## Read Micah 5:2

3. What does this verse say about Jesus?



# Hope DAY 3



Wednesday, November 30

Written by Pastor Kris



Our hope is not only on the birth of baby Jesus, but what He would bring. God promised that He would send a Savior for us to save us from our sins and give us life. Our hope is not only in the past but in the future hope of Christ's return and our physical resurrection. Because of Jesus' life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead, we have hope.

## Read Isaiah 53:5-6

1. What benefits come to others because of His suffering?

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-22

2. Because of Jesus victory over death and resurrection we have the same victory through our faith in Him. What difference does that make to you in terms of hope and courage?



# Hope DAY 5



Friday, December 2

Written by Miss Jill



When you are in a room that is completely dark, can't even see an inch in front of you, a little bit of light would make a big difference. Just a little bit of light can help you feel not lost and afraid. The Bible tells us Jesus is the light of the world. If we put our Hope in the light, we will not only have salvation when we die but a guide and peace while we are alive.

## Matthew 4:16

1. If there is a shadow, it means there is light somewhere. What does this light mean for people who live in darkness?

## Psalm 27:1

2. If you believe in the Lord, what should you NOT have?

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# Hope DAY 6

Saturday, December 3

Written by Pastor Kris



Sometimes this life can get overwhelming, and when that happens it is important for us to be reminded of the hope that we have because of Jesus. He not only gives us hope in this life, but we have hope for our future in heaven with Him. The Bible promises that just like there was a first Advent there will be a second Advent of Jesus' return.

## Psalm 43:5

1. What kinds of things cause you to be sad?

## Read Romans 8:22-24

2. How can the reminder of the hope in these verses help you during times of trial?

## Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

3. What about verses 13-17 bring encouragement to you?



# Hope DAY 7



Sunday, December 4

Written by Pastor Kris



You may notice as we light the Advent candles at church that they are different colors. Though red and green are customary colors of Christmas the traditional color of Advent is purple. During the time of Christ purple was a royal color worn by kings and rulers. It reminds us that the birth of Jesus was a royal entrance as the King of the world.

## Read Matthew 2:1-2

1. If you were coming to visit the King, what would you bring as a gift?

## Read John 18:37

2. What did Jesus say he was born to be and to do?



*Faith*

WEEK 2

# Faith DAY 1



**Monday, December 5**

Written by Pastor Kris

We live in a world of easy downloads, instantaneous email, on demand movies, and food prepared in a few minutes. Waiting can be difficult, and yet God seems to find ways of making us wait. For centuries the people of God had been waiting and hoping that their Messiah, the coming King, would arrive. Waiting and faith go hand in hand.

## **Read Hebrews 11:13**

1. What was the promise that the Old Testament faithful were ultimately looking for? See what Jesus said in John 8:56.
2. Is there anything that you are waiting on God for right now?

## **Read Hebrews 11:1-2**

3. How does faith relate to sight? See what Jesus said to Thomas in John 20:29



# Faith DAY 2

Tuesday, December 6

Written by Pastor Kris

Abraham lived a life of amazing faith. But before he did any of the things we remember him for, he was an ordinary man living a good life. Even though he might have been comfortable with his life, he responded to God's call to change just about everything that he knew.

Abraham had to add action to his faith. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ in this season, we can thank God for choosing Abraham and blessing the whole world through his family.

## Read Genesis 12:1-7

1. What command and promises does God give to Abraham?

## Read Hebrews 11:8-10

2. How is faith demonstrated or explained in the examples from Abraham's life?

3. How has your life changed as a result of your faith in God?



# Faith DAY 3



Wednesday, December 7

Written by Miss Jill



Have you ever been in a situation that seems impossible? One where there is NO earthly way it will happen. And then God does something that you never even imagined. When the angel Gabriel told Zechariah that he and Elizabeth were going to have a son, he questioned Gabriel and did not believe his words. God's faithfulness does not depend on us. Zechariah and Elizabeth had given up having children but the faithfulness of God and His will accomplished it.

## Read Luke 1:5-25

1. The angel Gabriel said to Zechariah "your prayer has been heard". A prayer that Zechariah and Elizabeth didn't think would be answered. Do you believe in the faithfulness of God? Do you believe He can do something that you see as impossible? Do you believe He will? What prayer have you been praying for that seems impossible?

## Read Luke 1:57-80

2. How does this passage show examples of God's faithfulness?

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# Faith DAY 4

Thursday, December 8

Written by Pastor Kris

I imagine almost everyone has a memory of Christmas Eve as a child; squeezing your eyes shut, trying with all your might to go to sleep. Sleep eluded you as you anticipated opening your gifts on Christmas morning, and so, you counted sheep and waited. Waiting is still difficult. The account of Jesus' birth gives us assurance and joy because even though the waiting lingered for centuries, God broke through at just the right time.

## Read Galatians 4:4-6

1. Can you share some circumstances that God allowed to develop before sending His Son? According to verse 5 why did God send His Son, Jesus, into the world?

Note these passages about the passing of time or the fullness of time: **Ephesians 1:10; Ecclesiastes 3:1, 17; 1 Peter 5:6; Psalm 102:13.**

2. What does it do to your faith when you realize that God is sovereign over time and events?



# Faith DAY 5



Friday, December 9

Written by Pastor Kris

Mary had to exhibit faith from the moment that the angel appeared and told her that she would have a child. Mary wasn't given a full-grown son and she wasn't given every detail or step of faith that she would have to take. Her first step of faith was to declare, "I am the servant of the Lord."

## Read Luke 1:26-38

1. Other than the question that Mary asked the angel, what questions may have been going through her mind?
2. What did the angel Gabriel say in verse 37? In what area of your life do you need to believe that what Gabriel declared is true?



# Faith DAY 6

Saturday, December 10

Written by Pastor Trey

Have you ever been told to do something that doesn't make sense? Maybe a parent, teacher, or boss asks you to do something that is the opposite of what you had planned. Often our first reaction in situations like this is to ask, "Why?" We like to know all the details and what the outcome will look like before we commit to something.

## Read Matthew 1:18-23

1. Verse 20 says Joseph "considered these things." What do you think Joseph was considering? What were his options?

## Read Matthew 1:24-25

2. Why did Joseph need faith to obey the angel? What is God asking you to do today that will require faith on your end to obey?

*Youth – Look for the green "Faith Star" (top right on this page) on Sunday morning. If you see it, tell Pastor Trey and he'll have a gift for you!*



# Faith DAY 7



Sunday, December 11

Written by Pastor Kris

What do you treasure most? Imagine that treasure being destroyed. God gave Abraham and Sarah the amazing gift of a son after they had waited for years and years. But then God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice. This event was a test of Abraham's faith and demonstration of God's mercy and foreshadowed the sacrifice of God's own Son.

## Read Genesis 22:1-14

1. What did God desire from Abraham?  
Note verse 12.
2. What tests of faith have you experienced in your life?
3. Where do you get the strength to say "Yes" to God when everything else in you wants to say "No"?

God laid our sin on His beloved Son, Jesus.

## Read John 3:16

4. What do we learn about the heart of God to allow Jesus to be sacrificed for us?





WEEK 3





# Joy

DAY 1



Monday, December 12

Written by Pastor Andy

When we read the Christmas story and think about the angels who appeared to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds we have a tendency to picture these encounters as moments defined by joy and excitement, as the Savior of the world is born. Of course, each of these moments is worthy of celebration; however, we can't forget that in each of the stories the people who encounter the angels are filled with fear! This is a reminder to us that being filled with joy doesn't mean that everything in life will be easy. We might feel overwhelmed, but we can still be full of joy if we are focused on Jesus!

## Read Luke 2:8-20

1. How do you think the shepherds felt when they encountered the angels?
2. Whether it is the birth of a child or a new job the things which bring us joy can also be the source of at least a little fear. In your own life, can you think of an example of this dynamic happening? How did it turn out? How were you able to see God at work?

# Joy

DAY 2



Tuesday, December 13

Written by Pastor Andy



Sometimes when people read about the “fruit of the Spirit” they think to themselves that they need to try harder so that they can be more loving, more joyful, more peaceful, etc. The motivation behind this desire is absolutely well intended, they want to be more like Jesus! The problem with this perspective is that the “fruit of the Spirit” don’t come from inside us, they come from the Holy Spirit. This means they are a gift from God and if we lack joy (or any of the other “fruits”) we should pray and ask God and He will fill us with exactly what we need.

## Read Galatians 5:22-23 & Romans 15:13

1. As a follower of Jesus, how have you seen the “fruit of the Spirit” grow in your life?
2. Is there someone in your life you think really shines when it comes to joy? If so, consider reaching out to them with a text or a phone call to let them know you appreciate the way the Holy Spirit shines through them.





# Joy

## DAY 3



Wednesday, December 14

Written by Pastor Andy

Wholehearted followers of Jesus are supposed to find their greatest joy in Jesus. He lived a perfect life and gave Himself up as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. He is the one who gives us hope and joy which we cannot find anywhere else. During the Christmas season we have an opportunity to remind ourselves that the Son of God came to earth as a gift that brings us true and lasting joy no matter our circumstances.

### Read Luke 2:22-38

1. Jesus was only an infant when He came to the temple in Luke 2 and yet His presence caused Simeon and Anna to be with joy and thankfulness. Why do you think Simeon and Anna felt such joy when they encountered baby Jesus?
2. In what ways does their example serve as a model for us in rejoicing over the presence of Jesus in our lives?
3. Can you think of a time when you sensed the presence of Jesus in your life and it brought you joy?



# Joy

DAY 4



Thursday, December 15

Written by Pastor Andy



The difference between happiness and joy is that happiness is based on our external circumstances while joy is an attitude rooted in our internal sense of gratitude for all that God has given us. As followers of Jesus, we are supposed to find joy and be thankful in all of our circumstances because we recognize that our God (who has blessed us with our salvation and so many other blessings) has placed us in these exact circumstances so that we might shine the light of Jesus to those around us.

## Read **Philippians 4:4-7** & **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

1. In your own words how do you distinguish between the words happiness and joy? Can you think of a specific moment where you felt one or the other?
2. Most Bible scholars agree that when Paul wrote the book of Philippians he was in a Roman prison. Given his situation how do you think he could write verse four and really mean it? How might you handle the call to be joyful in the midst of adversity?
3. What are some specific things you could do to put 1 Thessalonians 5:18 into practice?





# Joy

DAY 5



Friday, December 16  
Written by Miss Jill

When we think about Joy, we often think about it for ourselves. We pray for joy, pray for others to have joy, but what about God's joy? Did you know that God has joy in His relationships with us. We bring God joy! God loves and values us and we bring Him joy. Isn't that crazy to think about? God rejoices over us!

## Read Luke 15:5-7

1. In this parable, Jesus is being an example of how we should take time to talk with and witness to those that don't know Him. He is showing the importance of finding the one who needs to hear the good news of Jesus. Who do you know that you could witness to and make an eternal difference for?

## Read Zephaniah 3:17

2. What does it mean for the Lord to take great delight in someone?

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# Joy

DAY 6



Saturday, December 17

Written by Pastor Trey



One of my favorite songs to sing this time of year is *Joy to the World*. There's a line in the first verse that says, "Let every heart prepare him room." Have you ever paused to consider what that means? With Christmas Eve just a week away you are probably in the thick of the holiday hustle. Maybe today you're trying to finish some shopping or getting ready for a family gathering. If we don't slow down, we can easily miss out on the joy that accompanies our Lord's coming.

## Read Luke 10:38-42

1. Are you distracted by less important things right now? Would Jesus say the same thing to you that He said to Martha? What is the "one thing" that Jesus is referring to in Verse 42?

## Read Psalm 34:8

2. Why is it hard to taste and see the Lord's goodness when we're in a hurry? What can you do this weekend to slow down and soak in Lord's goodness?





# Joy

DAY 7



Sunday, December 18

Written by Pastor Andy

Both parables that Jesus tells in Matthew 13:44-46 involve a person making a sacrifice in order to acquire something of great value. Even though it costs them something, they have a feeling of joy because they recognize that they have been given a great opportunity and they don't want to miss it! Following Jesus is often like that. In order to honor the King of kings and Lord of lords we have to make a change in the way we have been living, but if we truly trust Jesus we must have faith that we are giving up something lesser so that we might have something better.

## Read Matthew 13:44-46

1. What was it about being a Christian that you think Jesus was trying to communicate in these two parables from Matthew 13? Do any specific words stand out to you from the parables?
2. Imagine the men in the parables were unwilling to pay the price in order to obtain these objects of great value. What words would we use to describe them? Can you think of any examples of people (either modern or in history) who you think made this mistake?
3. Can you think of a time when you had to make a sacrifice for the sake of Jesus? When you look back at that moment, how does it make you feel? Does it feel like it was worth it?



Peace

WEEK 4



# Peace DAY 1

Monday, December 19

Written by Pastor Kris

Peace was shattered in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned. We lost peace with God, peace in the world, and inner peace. God's chosen people, Israel, had their fair share of wars and conflict and they longed for peace. The Bible says that creation itself groans for redemption. In time, a prophecy was given to Isaiah, he was given the promise of a future Child who would finally bring peace.

## Read Isaiah 9:6-7

1. Think about the titles listed in verse 6; how has God provided for these qualities in your life?
2. What do you think it means in verse 7 when it says that there will be no end to the "increase and peace"?
3. When do you find yourself at most peace with God?

# Peace DAY 2



Tuesday, December 20

Written by Pastor Kris

Isaiah promised that the Messiah would be the anointed one that they were waiting for. Around 700 years later, a crowd gathered at the Synagogue in Nazareth as Jesus stood to read aloud the prophecy of Isaiah. As Jesus took His seat, He looked at the crowd and said, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise to bring what we could never achieve on our own and that world could never provide.

## Read Isaiah 61:1-2

1. What would be the mission of the coming Messiah?
2. In what ways can we continue the mission that Jesus began?



# Peace DAY 3

Wednesday, December 21

Written by Pastor Kris



What we celebrate at Christmas is this truth: the very same God who created us to be with Him came to earth in order to be with us. He didn't just create us; He lived as one of us. He was the object of great admiration and great opposition. He faced temptation and trials. He suffered the overwhelming weight of our sin, bearing the punishment we deserved. He lived as one of us, died for us, and rose again to free us. God with us.



## Read Matthew 1:21-23

1. What reason does Matthew give in verse 21 as to why Jesus was born?

## Read Philippians 2:6-11

2. Why is it important to remember that Jesus is fully God and fully man?

# Peace DAY 4



Thursday, December 22

Written by Miss Jill

We have all experienced times in our lives when something didn't work out the way we had planned. We will all experience times in the present and future that are not what we had pictured for our lives. People look to many earthly things to get through these times (drugs, alcohol, gambling, sex, worry). None of these things will ever heal a person or help them live that life that God calls them to. The only thing that will give us freedom is the peace that surpasses all understanding that only comes from Jesus.

## Read John 14:27

1. How do we get this peace that only comes from Jesus?

## Read John 16:33

2. What does Jesus mean when he says "in me you may have peace"? What do the words "take heart" mean to you?

## Read Philippians 4:7

3. When we or someone we know is going through something that feels unimaginably hard, this verse can be a word for word prayer to pray over them. What does this type of peace give a person?

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# Peace DAY 5

Friday, December 23

Written by Pastor Trey

Christmas is a painful and anxious time for many people. The holidays have a way of magnifying the hurt in people's lives. Those who don't know Jesus have not experienced the peace that He gives in such difficult times. One of the best gifts you can give someone this Christmas is a simple act of kindness. Even if they don't deserve it.

## Read 1 Peter 3:9

1. Do you have a hard time being kind to people who aren't very nice? What is something you can do toward that person to share God's love?

*Youth – Take a selfie with Pastor Trey Saturday or Sunday for a special gift.*



# Peace DAY 6



Saturday, December 24

Written by Pastor Kris

Peace means the absence of war. But it can also point to the presence of something else. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word for "peace" is Shalom. The most basic meaning of Shalom is "complete" or "whole". Shalom is perfect peace and wholeness. And this is what Jesus came to restore for us. Peace with God and peace with others.

## Read James 3:17-18

1. What comes to those who work for peace with others?

## Read Romans 5:1 & Ephesians 2:14-17

2. What is the difference between "peace with God" and having the "peace of God"?
3. What does it mean to you knowing that you can have peace with God through Jesus?



# Peace DAY 7

Sunday, December 25

Written by Pastor Kris



Merry Christmas! Today, we celebrate Christ, who came in flesh to dwell among us. We can also celebrate Christ because He is going to come again to make all things new. He will restore His creation to its glorious state, and all our suffering and strife and sin will pass away. Peace on earth and goodwill toward men will become reality, and His kingdom will know no end. When we say "Merry Christmas," it's not just a cliché phrase, we are expressing our victorious joy. "Merry Christmas" serves as a reminder of who He is, what He's done, and what He will do.

## Read Luke 2:11-20

1. Why is the first Advent, the birth of Jesus, so important and why do we continue to celebrate it over 2,000 years later?

## Revelation 21:1-5

2. What are you looking forward to most about the second Advent?



We pray your family has a merry Christmas and truly experiences the hope, faith, joy, and peace that comes from Jesus Christ.



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What's your favorite thing about the person sitting next to you?

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What do you think is God's favorite thing about you?

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What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

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What's your favorite kind of surprise?

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What's your favorite Christmas song and why?

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If you could spend the day with Jesus, what would you ask Him?

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If you were in charge of Christmas, what's one thing you would change about it? Why?

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What's the most fun you've ever had with your family during Advent or the days leading up to Christmas?

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What's one Christmas tradition you never want to give up?

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If you could be any animal in the stable when Jesus was born, which animal would you be? Why?

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If you could trade places with anyone in your family, who would it be and why?



Describe Jesus in three words.

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If you could ask Jesus to do ONE THING for you right now, what would it be?

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What do you think Jesus' favorite game would be?

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What do you like that God made and why?

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What do you love about Jesus and why?

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If Jesus were a sport, what sport would He be?

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Where's your favorite place to talk with Jesus?

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What gift do you think Jesus would ask for on His birthday? Why?

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What flavor birthday cake do you think is Jesus' favorite?

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At Christmas, what kinds of things take your attention away from Jesus?

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What are ways we can stay focused on Jesus this Christmas?



What is your favorite Christmas food?

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What's your favorite Christmas movie and why?

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Share your favorite Christmas memory.

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What is your favorite part about giving a gift to someone?

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What is something you could do this Christmas to help someone less fortunate than you?

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Would you rather eat ham or turkey for Christmas dinner?

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Would you rather be at home on Christmas and get lots of presents or go to Disney World for Christmas and get no presents?

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Would you rather visit the North Pole or Bethlehem?

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Would you rather drink hot cocoa or apple cider?

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Would you rather build a snowman or make a snow angel?

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Would you rather give a gift or have nice things said about you?



Would you rather be surprised or have something to look forward to?

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Would you rather play in the snow or snuggle under a blanket and watch movies inside?

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Would you rather be the best at one thing or pretty good at a lot of things?

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Would you rather drive a dog sled or go skiing?

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Do you prefer cake or pie?

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Do you think it's harder to be an adult or a kid?

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Would you rather be a polar bear or a reindeer?

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Would you rather have Jesus watch your favorite movie with you or play your favorite video game against you?

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Would you rather be there when Jesus was born or when the wise men visited?

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Do you prefer to sing carols or listen to them?

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If Jesus lived on earth today, would you rather be His chef or His party planner?



Would you rather meet an angel or a wise man?

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If Jesus were a kid right now, would you rather have Him as a classmate or a teammate?

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Would you rather have people pray for you or you pray for someone else?

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Do you think Jesus would have preferred hamburgers or hot-dogs?

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Would you rather wake up early or sleep in on Christmas Day?

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Would you rather decorate a Christmas tree or decorate Christmas cookies?

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Would you rather give Christmas gifts or get Christmas gifts?

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Do you prefer white Christmas lights or multicolor Christmas lights?

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Would you rather have fresh snow on Christmas or no snow on Christmas?

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Would you rather pick out your Christmas outfit or be surprised?

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Do you prefer an angel or a star on top of your Christmas tree?



Close your eyes and say the name of the first person you think of. Once everyone has said a name, pray together for those people.

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Write all your names on separate slips of paper. Throw them into a bowl, and have each person draw a name. Say a prayer for that person either silently or out loud.

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What are you most thankful for today? Share and say a prayer of thanksgiving for it!

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What are you worried about today? Take turns sharing and then ask God to help calm your worries.

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Pray for those who are homeless during this Christmas season.

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Have each person name someone they're thankful for. Take a moment to say prayers for each of those people.

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Name a bunch of your neighbors. Pray for them.

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Name a bunch of your classmates and friends. Pray for them.

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Pray for someone who is hurting or sad.

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Who can you help this week? Pray for God to show you how.

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What's your favorite thing about God? Tell Him.



Share three things you're thankful for and thank God.

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Pop up and say one thing to praise God for. Take turns as many rounds as you'd like.

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Ask God to protect those traveling this Christmas season.

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Grab a ball or wad up a piece of paper. Take turns throwing it to each other, and be sure to thank God for the person you throw it to.

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Zoom around the room and tell each person why you're thankful for them.

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What is your favorite thing to celebrate? Thank God for that thing!

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What went super-well today? Tell God about it!

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Thank God for a new friend you've made.

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Thank God for someone who is older than you.

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Thank God for someone who is smaller than you.

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Think about your favorite present you've ever gotten. Thank God for it and the person who gave it to you.



Ask each person "What could we pray about for you?" And then pray for them.

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In just 10 seconds each, name five people you'd like to pray for. Then pray for them.

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Point to your favorite thing in the room ... thank God for it!

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Pray for the missionaries in countries that are being persecuted.

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Pray specifically for a friend that doesn't know Jesus.

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Pray for a specific teacher, pastor or community leader.

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## *Activity Instructions*

This fun and simple activity will get your family talking, encouraging each other, having fun and sharing about Jesus every day during the Advent season! It includes conversation starters, prayer prompts, and this or that fun. Great to do at meals or on the go!

To set up your family devotional, please collect three jars/vases/glasses and a pair of scissors. Cut the strips of paper that have the candle on them (Prayer Prompts) and put them in the first jar. Cut the strips of paper that have the present on them (This or That) and place them in the second jar. Cut the strips of paper that have the stars on them (Conversation Starters) and place them in the third jar. Feel free to decorate/label your jars as creatively as you and your family want! Once a day during Advent, pick one slip from each category/color and take turns answering the question on the paper.

We pray this activity brings a little extra hope, faith, joy and peace to your family this Christmas season!



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