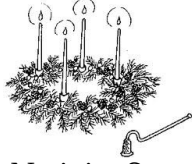


## Advent Ideas



Advent Wreath—Hope, The Way, Joy, Peace,  
Christ Candle

Nativity Scene—Child friendly sets are available

Worship as a Family each Sunday

Gifts of Service (rather than or in addition to material gifts)

Family Worship at Home—sample plan on the back

Advent Countdowns/Calendars—ideas on back

“I Wonder” Walk—description on back

Christmas Cards—pray for each family as cards come and  
throughout the year (Place on ring, in album, in a basket)

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Youversion Bible app or [www.thrivingfamily.com/advent](http://www.thrivingfamily.com/advent)

Gifts—as you talk about gifts, remind each  
other that Jesus was the best gift!

Make a Birthday Cake for Jesus

**Birthday Party for Jesus—December 19**

**Epiphany Feast—January 9**



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### **Christmas Family Worship Service**

There are many things a family can do to celebrate Christmas together. One of the most important things to do together is to celebrate why we have Christmas. Let the family plan together a worship service to have the week of Christmas or perhaps on Christmas Eve. Each person can have a part or parts to read, sing, or pray. Here's an example:

1. 1. Sing together "Joy to the World."
2. 2. Let someone read from the Bible, 1 John 4:10.
3. 3. Let each family member tell why Christmas is special.
4. 4. Let someone read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20
5. 5. Let someone sing (or sing together) "Away in a Manger."
6. 6. Let someone read Matthew 2:1-12.
7. 7. Have someone sing (or sing together) "We Three Kings."
8. 8. Let someone pray thanking God for sending His Son, Jesus. This could be a time where each person prays as well.
9. 9. Sing together, "Silent Night."

Your service may look different. No matter how you do it, it's important to have your family celebrate the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

### **Advent Calendar/Countdown**

- Countdown Chain
- Random packages
- Buckets
- TP/Paper towel rolls
- Mini muffin tin
- Envelopes

Fill with scripture to match devotional, activities to do as a family, scripture/stories to discuss, or a mixture of any of these ideas.

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### **"I Wonder" Walk**

Go for a starlit or early evening walk. Talk about what it might have been like for Joseph and Mary to travel almost 100 miles on foot or donkey. Ask "I wonder" questions and discuss them as you walk.

- I wonder where Mary and Joseph slept on that long journey?
- I wonder if they traveled alone or with friends or family?
- I wonder what they talked about?
- Mary knew she would be the mother of Jesus. I wonder what she thought about as they traveled?
- I wonder what Joseph said to Mary when Jesus had to be born in a stable.
- Mary was ready for baby Jesus; she had cloths to wrap Him in. How can we get ready for Jesus' birth? Make some plans to get ready for Jesus!