

Waiting for Christmas



Scripture and Stickers for the Days of Advent



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Advent is a season about *waiting*. So each day of December as we *wait* for Christmas to draw near, it is good to remember the reason for this special season: God once sent his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be born in Bethlehem.

This book of Scripture and stickers, along with the little tree that goes with it, is a special way for your family to recognize the Advent season and count the days to Christmas. It's also a special way to remember what the season is all about: we're waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Each day of December, read the message in the colored circle and then the Bible passage too. Then put the sticker on the poster to help decorate your "Advent" tree.

On Christmas Day the waiting will be finished and your Advent tree will now be a Christmas tree. Most importantly, you and your family will celebrate Jesus birth. Have a happy, blessed Christmas!



Night will
be no more.

—*Revelations 22:5*

December 1

When we say that Jesus is our light, we mean that Jesus shows us how to love God and other people. What did Jesus do to show us how to love God? What did Jesus do to show us how to love others?

December 2

The Lion of Judah was the symbol of Israel and of Jesus. If you could choose an animal to be your symbol, what would it be?



In those days
Judah shall
be saved.

—*Jeremiah 33:16*



One nation shall
not raise the sword
against another.

—*Isaiah 2:4*

December 3

Saint Francis Xavier travelled all over the world to spread God's good news through peaceful ways. How can we choose peace, too?

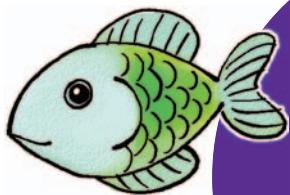
December 4

We share our world with many creatures, with animals that are wild and animals that keep us company. How many pets can you name among your family and friends?



The wolf shall
be a guest of
the lamb.

—*Isaiah 11:7*



They all ate
and were
satisfied.

—*Matthew 15:37*

December 5

Jesus made the fish and bread stretch to feed many people. How could your family stretch your food shopping to share food with the poor?

December 6

Jesus teaches that people who do what God wants are as strong as rocks. Saint Nicholas spent his life caring for the poor. How can we be as strong as Saint Nicholas?



Be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

—*Matthew 7:24*



Find joy in the
LORD
—*Isaiah 29:19*

December 7

Saint Ambrose wrote hymns everyone could sing. Ask your family: what are your favorite hymns or Christmas carols?

December 8

Today, we remember Mary and her mother Saint Anne—Jesus' grandma. Can you make a card for your grandma today?



She was the
mother of all
the living.
—*Genesis 3:20*



The winding
roads shall be
made straight.
—*Luke 3:5*

December 9

Go for a walk with a friend or family member. As you walk, talk this over: how can we walk with God? How can we better love God and God's world?

December 10

Go outside and look around. Do you live where there are “blooms” at Christmas? If not, do you have plants inside? Today is a good day to choose a Christmas tree with your family!



Like the crocus
[the land] shall
bloom.
—*Isaiah 35 2*



Like a shepherd
he feeds his flock.

—*Isaiah 40:11*

December 11

As a good shepherd cares for his sheep, so Jesus takes care of God's people. With your family, read Psalm 23. Now read it again, using the name of Jesus instead of the words "the Lord" or "he."

December 12

Our Mother Mary is the daughter of Zion: the daughter of God's people who rejoice in Jesus. Find her song in Luke 1:46-48.



Sing and rejoice,
daughter Zion!

—*Zechariah 2:14*

December 13



Do not fear,
I will help you.
—*Isaiah 41:13*

Stories tell us that Saint Lucy fed God's people when they had no more food. God helps other people by asking us to be God's own partner. How can we help God feed the hungry in our town?

December 14

Saint John of the Cross was called to pray often and teach others about prayer, too. Ask your family: How do you like to pray?



I am the Lord
your God.
—*Isaiah 48:17*



He was speaking
to them of John
the Baptist.

—*Matthew 17:13*

December 15

John the Baptist was born
before Jesus. Use the
words sung at his birth
for a morning prayer this
week. Find the prayer in
Luke 1:76-79.

December 16

The word *gospel* means
“Good News!” With
your family, fill a blank
piece of newspaper with
good news about Jesus.
Make your own “gospel”!



He preached
good news to
the people.

—*Luke 3:18*



Of her was born
Jesus who is
called the Messiah.
—*Matthew 1:16*

December 17

We call Jesus “the Christ” which is another word for “Messiah.”

The word *messiah* means “anointed one.” In Jesus’ day, priests and kings were anointed with olive oil. Try rubbing a little olive oil on your forehead.

What does it feel like?

December 18

God chose Saint Joseph, a carpenter, to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. Have you ever taken care of a baby? If not, ask your parents what they had to do to take care of you!



Joseph, Son
of David,
do not be afraid.
—*Matthew 1:20*



The angel of
the Lord appeared.
—*Luke 1:11*

December 19

Angels are messengers who bring good news from God. We aren't angels, but we can bring good news from God, too. Imagine God chooses you to bring a message to the whole world. What would that message would be?

December 20

Mother Mary said “yes” to God. Because Mary said “Yes!”, Jesus was born. What do you think God asks of your family? How can your family say “yes” to God?



Behold, I am
the handmaid
of the Lord.
—*Luke 1:38*

December 21



Blessed is the
fruit of
your womb.
—*Luke 1:42*

In the Hail Mary, we pray with Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” The *fruit of your womb* is a phrase that means a baby
—baby Jesus!

December 22

The name *Jesus* means “God saves!” Jesus doesn’t just tell us that God saves, but his whole life shows how God saves. Ask your family: what do you like best about Jesus?



Holy is your
name.
—*Luke 1:46*



Behold, I come
to do your will.
—*Hebrews 10:9*

December 23

Alarm clocks! School
buzzers! Time to get up!
Time for school! Time for
work! For one day this week,
say this prayer each time you
hear a bell or buzzer:
Coming, Lord!

December 24

We call Jesus, Emmanuel,
a name that means “God
with us.” In Jesus, God
comes to share our very
lives. Merry Christmas.



The Lord, the
God of Israel,
has visited God’s
people.
—*Luke 1:68*



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