

# Advent 2021

Gather around as a family every day this month to read the story of how God sent joy to the world with the gift of His son, Jesus. Spend time together praying and remembering the real reason for Christmas. Use this calendar alongside your family devotional each day

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>A Baby is coming (Luke 1:5-25)</b> Write down the things you are thankful to God for. Read them together and spend time thanking God for these things in prayer.</p>	<p><b>What's John got to do with it? (Malachi 3:1)</b> Paper People prayers. Make paper people chains and use them to pray for others. Write their names on the paper people and keep it somewhere so you can remember to pray for them throughout the week.</p>	<p><b>Mary, did you know? (Luke 1:26-29)</b> Share with each other someone who helps you to know and loves Jesus more. Write a thank you note for them and give it to them this week.</p>	<p><b>Do Not Fear (Luke 1:30-33)</b> On a piece of paper write down some of the things that make you feel afraid. Crumble them up and throw into a bin. Pray that God would bring His peace to your fears.</p>	<p><b>But How? (Luke 1:34-38)</b> Play charades together. When you are guessing and don't understand what someone is trying to act out remember how Mary didn't understand but she trusted God.</p>	<p><b>Mary's Song (Luke 1:39-56)</b> Talk about the ways we can praise God! Listen and sing along to "What a Glorious Night" by Sidewalk Prophets.</p>	<p><b>His Name is John (Luke 1:57-65)</b> Let's play the name game. Guess the name of the person/character written on the post-it note stuck on your head. Ask yes or no questions to try and guess who it is.</p>
<p><b>Zechariah Speaks (Luke 1:64-80)</b> Have a look at pictures from previous Christmases and talk about your favourite Christmas memories and your favourite part of Christmas.</p>	<p><b>Joseph Obeys (Matthew 1:18-24)</b> Some people in our communities do not have as much as we do. What can you give to a foodbank this Christmas?</p>	<p><b>Off we go! (Luke 2:1-5)</b> Go for a walk together today and remember the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. While you are walking pray for those in the community around you.</p>	<p><b>A King is born (Luke 2:6-7 &amp; Isaiah 7:14)</b> Find a cookie recipe and spend time baking some cookies together. Why not bake a few extra to give to a neighbour or a friend.</p>	<p><b>O' Little town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2-5a)</b> Switch off technology for an evening together. Why not play a board game or read together</p>	<p><b>While Shepherds watched their flocks by night (Luke 2:8-15)</b> Get some cotton wool and print out a sheep template. Stick the cotton wool on the sheep to make the sheep's wool. On the other side write a prayer to God thanking God for bringing Jesus into the world!</p>	<p><b>Special Visitors (Luke 2:15-20)</b> Look at a World Map and the Open Doors World watch list. Pray for those who are persecuted for loving Jesus.</p>
<p><b>Star of Wonder, Star of Light (Matthew 2:1-2)</b> Get creative and make a Christmas decoration inspired by the story today! Talk about the meaning behind your decoration together.</p>	<p><b>Raging Royal (Matthew 2:3-8)</b> The Bible tells us not to be jealous of others but to encourage one another. Make a Christmas card and write a note of encouragement for someone inside. Try to find time to give it to them this week!</p>	<p><b>Significant Gifts (Matthew 2:9-11)</b> Put some Christmas music on and wrap presents for family and friends together as you remember the significance of the gifts given to Jesus by the Wise Men.</p>	<p><b>The Great Escape (Matthew 2:12-17)</b> Get some snacks and watch a movie together! It could be one that we mentioned today or another of your choice.</p>	<p><b>Simeon Says (Luke 2:25-35)</b> In the evening go for a drive or wrap up warm and go for a walk to see all of the Christmas lights and decorations. When you see the light remember that Jesus is the light of the world.</p>	<p><b>Anna's hope (Luke 2:36-40)</b> Get a piece of paper and design a newspaper article about the Good News of Jesus!</p>	<p><b>A voice in the Wilderness (Mark 1:1-11 &amp; John 1:6-28)</b> Make dinner together. When you serve each other dinner remember that we are called to serve Jesus and His church!</p>
<p><b>The Word on the street (John 1:1-14)</b> Think about people who do not have homes this Christmas. Pray for them and their safety. Pray for people who help them.</p>	<p><b>The Greatest Gift (John 3:16-17)</b> Spend time sharing your favourite moments in the Bible with each other and worshipping Christ together.</p>	<p><b>Following the Saviour (Romans 10:9-13)</b> It's Christmas Eve! Have your own carol service together. Pick your favourite Christmas Carols and songs and sing them together to worship Jesus.</p>	<p><b>Let's Celebrate Isaiah 9:6-7</b> Jesus is the Saviour promised to us years before He came to earth. He is the Son of God, who is our hope today and always. Take time today to re-read the Christmas Story. Sing songs of worship and spend time in prayer thanking God for sending Jesus on that first Christmas to save us.</p>			