ADVENT

A FAMILY GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS



NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 25, 2026

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR BRIAN

Hey Flatiron,

Here's the thing about December. It's full. Concerts, parties, travel, the white elephant gift you forgot about until the night before. Most of it's good stuff. But if we're not careful, we'll take a good season, turn it into a busy season, and miss the point. We'll miss Jesus.

I don't want that for you. I don't want that for my family either.

So here's what I'm asking: do this every day, and do it together. Gather the people God has put in your home, grab this book, and give it fifteen minutes. Read the Scripture. Talk about it. Pray. Do the activity. You don't need a seminary degree to lead your family through this. You've got the Holy Spirit in you. That's enough.

Years ago, when Melinda and I were newly married, I asked a dad I respected how he'd won his kids' hearts. The first thing on his list: every night, open the Word and pray over them. I've been working that list ever since. Not perfectly. But by and large, we've stayed the course.

Does it always go smoothly? Absolutely not. I've got four kids. Some nights they lean in and ask great questions. Some nights somebody's wrestling on the floor and my five-year-old is suddenly very concerned that her mosquito bite needs three band-aids. Doesn't matter. They're there. They're watching. And they're learning that time with Jesus is a get to, not a have to.

Here's what I want for your home this Advent: joy in their hearts and safety in their bones.

Joy, because this should be fun. Light the candles. Let the little ones read, even if it takes three times as long. Make the hot chocolate. Let the kids take turns putting their sticker on the calendar. Safety, because they'll know that no matter how crazy the day was, this family stops and turns toward Jesus together. They won't remember every verse you read this December. But they'll remember that you sat with them.

Now, here's the reality: life's going to get in the way. You're like, "Brian, I'm going to miss a day. Or two." I get it. This isn't about getting a task done. It's about getting your heart undone. Jesus doesn't need your perfect streak. He came for people who can't keep one. Pick it back up and keep going.

No kids at home? This is still for you. Grab your spouse, your roommate, your Life Group, or invite your one, that person in your life who's far from Jesus. And if that's you, if you're not sure about Jesus yet, welcome. Bring your questions. God's not afraid of them, and neither are we.

Here's my prayer for Flatiron this season: that our homes would be marked more by wonder than by hurry, and that every one of us would remember the God who came near in Bethlehem is coming again to make all things new.

He came. He's coming again.

Merry Christmas,



Pastor Brian Pacheco

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide walks your family through Advent, November 29 through Christmas Eve, with a final celebration on Christmas Day. Each day's devotion includes five simple parts, with an extra family activity on Sundays.

1 *Start* — Light the Advent candles and begin with a question.

2 *Read* — Read the day's Scripture together.

3 *Talk* — Read the devotion and discuss the question.

4 *Activity* — Add your daily sticker and enjoy the song of the week. Sundays include an extra family activity!

5 *Pray* — Pray together using the day's prayer as a starting point.

YOUR ADVENT CALENDAR + STICKERS

Each child also received an Advent calendar with stickers! After reading the daily Scripture, add one of the 26 Advent stickers to your calendar. On Christmas Day, add the special gold sticker to celebrate Jesus' birth!

MISSED A DAY?

Just pick back up. You don't need to double up or catch up. Jesus isn't asking you to complete a perfect streak.

NO CHILDREN AT HOME?

Use the guide with a spouse, friend, roommate, or on your own! Anyone can take part.



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is a tradition Christians have practiced for centuries to prepare for Christmas. The word Advent means "coming." It's a time to remember God's promise to send a Savior, celebrate Jesus' birth, and look forward to His return!

At the heart of Advent is the Gospel—the good news of Jesus. The Bible tells us that God created a good world, but sin entered it and separated people from Him. God promised to send someone to rescue us and make things right. For generations, people waited for that promise to come true.

Then Jesus came! That's what we celebrate at Christmas: God kept His promise. Our Savior has come, and He's coming again!

THROUGH ADVENT, WE FOLLOW FIVE PARTS OF THAT STORY.

Hope	Faith	Joy	Peace	Christ
God keeps His promises	We can trust His plan	The Savior was born	Jesus is our true peace	Everything points to Him

Our goal is not to make Christmas busy. It is to make room in ordinary days to remember Jesus. Our Advent waiting ends Christmas Eve; Christmas Day is when we celebrate that He has come!

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

Each Advent candle has a name and meaning that helps tell the Christmas story. The purple Prophet's Candle represents Hope in God's promises, while the purple Bethlehem Candle reminds us to have Faith in His plan. The pink Shepherd's Candle celebrates the Joy of Jesus' birth, and the purple Angel's Candle represents the Peace He brings. The white Christ Candle in the center represents Jesus, the Light of the World.



Hope

Prophet's Candle

God keeps His promises.

Nov 29



Joy

Shepherd's Candle

Jesus, our Savior, was born!

Dec 13



Christ

Christ Candle

Jesus is the Light of the World.

Dec 24



Peace

Angel's Candle

Jesus brings peace with God.

Dec 20



Faith

Bethlehem Candle

We can trust God's plan.

Dec 6

Starting November 29, light one new candle each Sunday, following the dates above. During your daily family time, light the current week's candle along with all the candles from previous weeks. As the light grows, we remember God's promise to send a Savior.

On Christmas Eve, light all five candles together for the first time. The waiting is over—Jesus has come! On Christmas Day, light them again to celebrate His birth.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before Advent begins on November 29, take a few minutes to get everything ready for your family!

Set up your Advent Candles

Already have an Advent wreath and candles at home? Great! Set them up together as a family. If not, you'll find printable wreath and candle templates in the back of this booklet. Simply color, cut out, and assemble them to create your own Advent wreath to use throughout the season!

Set up your Calendar

Give each child their Advent calendar and stickers. Find a spot to hang their calendars where they can easily reach them. Keep the stickers nearby so they're ready to add one each day after reading Scripture.

You're Ready!

On November 29, gather your family, light the Hope candle, and begin your first devotion. As Christmas approaches, let's prepare our hearts together to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Let's Celebrate!

Hope



GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

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1 Start

Light the Hope candle.

What is the longest you have ever waited for something? Was it worth the wait?

2 Read

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

3 Talk

Long before Jesus was born, God promised to send a Savior. Through Isaiah, He promised a child called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Generations waited, but God hadn't forgotten. When Jesus came, He kept His word. Our hope rests in a God who always keeps His promises. **How does God's faithfulness give us hope while we wait?**

4 Activity

Promise Garland — See the next page for your family activity. Add the Hope candle sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray

God, thank You for keeping Your promise to send Jesus. Help our family to hope in You while we wait. Amen.

PROMISE GARLAND



God made promises about Jesus long before He was born. Let's make something we can see all Advent to remember that God keeps His word.

YOU'LL NEED

Paper, crayons or markers, scissors, and tape or string. Use the star templates on pages 39 and 41.

LET'S DO IT

1. Cut out at least three stars.
2. Write or draw something about God's promises on each star. Use the ideas below for your child's age.
3. Decorate your stars, then attach them to a string to make a garland. Hang it on your Christmas tree, a branch, or a wall.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

AGES 2–5: Color the shapes. Ask someone to write "God keeps His promises."

AGES 5–10: Write or draw one thing you learned about Jesus on each star.

AGES 10–15: Find three promises about Jesus in Scripture. Write one on each star, including the Bible reference.

REMEMBER: God kept His promise to send Jesus. We can trust Him.

Hope

MONDAY, NOV 30TH

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **If you could visit any country in the world, where would you go?**

2 Read Genesis 12:1–3

3 Talk God promised Abram (later called Abraham) that his family would bless the world. Abram couldn't see the whole plan, but God was preparing the way for Jesus, the greatest blessing of all.
Who could our family bless this week?

4 Activity Add today's globe sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray Thank You, God, that Your good news is for everyone. Help us share it. Amen.

TUESDAY, DEC 1ST

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **If you were king or queen for a day, what is the first rule you would make?**

2 Read 2 Samuel 7:12–16

3 Talk God promised David his son would become king and his family's throne would last forever. Solomon became king, but God's promise ultimately pointed to Jesus, the King who reigns forever. We can trust His leadership.
What makes Jesus different from other kings?

4 Activity Add today's king's crown sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray God, thank You that Jesus is our King forever. Help us follow Him. Amen.

Hope

WEDNESDAY, DEC 2ND

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **Have you ever been somewhere really dark? What did it feel like when the light came on?**

2 Read Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

3 Talk Isaiah promised that people walking in darkness would see a great light. Jesus is that light. He came into a world darkened by sin and brought hope no darkness can overcome.

Where do you need Jesus' light today?

4 Activity Add today's shining light sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray Jesus, You are the Light of the World. Shine in our home and in our hearts. Amen.

THURSDAY, DEC 3RD

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **Who is someone you love being with, no matter what you are doing?**

2 Read Isaiah 7:14

3 Talk Isaiah promised a child called Immanuel, meaning 'God with us.' When Jesus was born, that promise came true. God didn't stay far away; He came near to be with His people.

When do you most need to remember God is with us?

4 Activity Add today's heart with a cross sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray God, thank You for coming near. Thank You that You are with us today. Amen.

Hope

FRIDAY, DEC 4TH

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **What is the smallest town you have ever been to? What was it like?**

2 Read Micah 5:2

3 Talk God told His people the Savior would come from little Bethlehem. Years later, Jesus was born there, just as Micah foretold. No place is too small for God's great plans.

What does Bethlehem teach us about God's promises?

4 Activity Add today's house with a star sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray God, You keep Your promises down to the smallest detail. Help us trust You with the details of our lives. Amen.

SATURDAY, DEC 5TH

1 Start Light the Hope candle. **Have you ever prayed for something for a really long time? What happened?**

2 Read Luke 1:5–25

3 Talk Zechariah and Elizabeth had prayed for a child for years. Then an angel announced their son, John, who would prepare people for Jesus. Their waiting wasn't forgotten by God.

How can we keep trusting God while we wait?

4 Activity Add today's praying hands sticker. Sing or listen to "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

5 Pray God, thank You that You hear every prayer. Help us keep praying and keep trusting You. Amen.

Faith



WE CAN TRUST HIS PLAN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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1 Start

Light the Hope and Faith candles.

What would you do if an angel showed up in your room right now?

2 Read

Luke 1:26–38

3 Talk

An angel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. She had questions and couldn't see what was ahead, yet she trusted God's word. Faith isn't having every answer; it's trusting the One who does. Mary said yes to God's plan, and God kept His promise through her. We can trust Him too, even when the next step feels uncertain. **What helps you trust God when you don't know what comes next?**

4 Activity

Christmas Ornaments — See the next page for your family activity. Add the angel silhouette sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray

God, we do not always understand Your plan, but we know it is good. Help us say yes to You like Mary did. Amen.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



Mary trusted God even when she didn't know what would happen next. Make an ornament that reminds you of who Jesus is and why you can trust Him.

YOU'LL NEED

Paper, crayons or markers, scissors, pin, and string. Use the templates on pages 43 and 45, or draw your own.

LET'S DO IT

1. Choose an ornament shape and cut it out.
2. Use the ideas below to decide how to decorate your ornament.
3. Ask an adult to use a pin to make a small hole at the top. Thread string through the hole and hang your ornament on your Christmas tree.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

AGES 2–5: Color your ornament however you like!

AGES 5–10: Add a name for Jesus, like Immanuel ("God with us").

AGES 10–15: Write one thing you're trusting God with on the back of your ornament.

REMEMBER: Just like Mary, we can trust God even when we don't know what comes next.

Faith

MONDAY, DEC 7TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **Who is a friend who always cheers you up when you see them?**

2 Read Luke 1:39–45

3 Talk When Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth rejoiced because Mary believed God's promise. Both women could see God at work, even without knowing every detail. Faith grows when we encourage one another.

Who helps you trust God?

4 Activity Add today's two figures sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray God, thank You for the people who help us trust You. Help us be that kind of friend. Amen.

TUESDAY, DEC 8TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **What is a song that makes you want to sing out loud?**

2 Read Luke 1:46–55

3 Talk Mary praised God for His mercy, power, and faithfulness. Her future held many unknowns, but she remembered who God is. Trust in His goodness gave her a reason to sing.

What can our family praise God for today?

4 Activity Add today's music note sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray God, You are mighty and You are good. We praise You for all You have done. Amen.

Faith

WEDNESDAY, DEC 9TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **Have you ever had a dream you still remember? What happened in it?**

2 Read Matthew 1:18–25

3 Talk Joseph learned in a dream that Mary's baby was from God and would save His people from their sins. Though the situation was hard, Joseph listened and obeyed. Faith leads us to action.

When is it hard to obey God?

4 Activity Add today's crescent moon and star sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray God, help us obey You like Joseph did, even when it is not easy. Amen.

THURSDAY, DEC 10TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **Do you know why your parents picked your name? Ask them!**

2 Read Luke 1:57–66

3 Talk Everyone expected Elizabeth's baby to receive a family name. But Zechariah obeyed God's instruction and named him John. When he could speak again, he praised God for His faithfulness.

What's one small way we can obey God this week?

4 Activity Add today's swaddled baby sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray God, help us trust You in the big things and the small things. Amen.

Faith

FRIDAY, DEC 11TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **Have you ever watched the sun come up? What is your favorite part of a sunrise?**

2 Read Luke 1:67–79

3 Talk After months of silence, Zechariah praised God for sending light to people in darkness. He spoke of the coming Savior like a sunrise. Through Jesus, God was bringing hope and peace.

How has Jesus brought light into your life?

4 Activity Add today's sunrise sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

5 Pray God, thank You for sending Jesus like a sunrise after a long night. Guide our feet today. Amen.

SATURDAY, DEC 12TH

1 Start Light the Hope and Faith candles. **What is the longest trip our family has ever taken? What do you remember about it?**

2 Read Luke 2:1–5

3 Talk Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for a census. God had promised the Savior would come from Bethlehem. Even through a government decree, God was fulfilling His promise. His plan was unfolding.

How can we trust God when we don't see His whole plan?

4 Activity Add today's winding road sticker. Sing or listen to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.

5 Pray God, You are in charge of everything, even the hard trips. Help us trust Your plan. Amen.

Joy



THE SAVIOR WAS BORN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

1 Start

Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles.

What is the best news you have ever gotten? How did you react?

2 Read

Luke 2:6–20

3 Talk

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger. Then angels announced His birth to shepherds in the fields: the Savior had come! The shepherds hurried to see Him and shared the news. God sent His Son into the world, just as He promised. That is our joy at Christmas—not simply gifts or celebrations, but the good news that Jesus came for us and for everyone. **Who could we share the good news of Jesus with?**

4 Activity

Bake & Share Joy — See the next page for your family activity. Add the baby in a manger sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray

God, thank You for the best news ever. Jesus is born! Fill our home with joy and help us share it. Amen.

LET'S SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY!



When the shepherds heard about Jesus, they shared the good news. This week, let's share that joy with someone else!

YOU'LL NEED

Cookies or ingredients for a simple treat, bags or plates for sharing, and paper and markers for a personal note. No baking supplies? Make a Christmas card instead!

LET'S DO IT

1. Bake or decorate Christmas cookies together, or make a homemade Christmas card.
2. Choose a neighbor, friend, or family to share with.
3. Package your treats and include a Flatiron Christmas Eve invite card, a personal note, or both!
4. Deliver your treats or card and spread some Christmas joy!

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

AGES 2–5: Draw a picture for your neighbor!

AGES 5–10: Write a short Christmas message to include with your treats.

AGES 10–15: Write a personal note and invite your neighbor to join you for Christmas Eve.

REMEMBER: The good news of Jesus is worth sharing!

Joy

MONDAY, DEC 14TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **Would you rather stay up all night watching sheep or wake up super early to feed them?**

2 Read Luke 2:8–12

3 Talk An angel announced Jesus' birth to shepherds watching their sheep at night. God chose ordinary workers to hear extraordinary news: a Savior had been born for them and for everyone.

What does this tell us about whom Jesus came for?

4 Activity Add today's sheep sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray God, thank You that Jesus came for ordinary people like us. Amen.

TUESDAY, DEC 15TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **If you could hear a huge choir sing one song, what would you want them to sing?**

2 Read Luke 2:13–14

3 Talk Angels praised God: the Savior had been born! They glorified God and announced peace. Jesus' arrival was news worth celebrating together.

How can our family praise God today?

4 Activity Add today's angel with music note sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray Glory to God in the highest! Thank You, God, for sending Jesus. Amen.

Joy

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **When you find out something exciting, who is the first person you tell?**

2 Read Luke 2:15–20

3 Talk The shepherds hurried to see Jesus, then told others what they'd heard. People marveled, while Mary treasured those moments in her heart. The good news is worth remembering and sharing.

Who could you tell about Jesus?

4 Activity Add today's Christmas bell sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray God, help us be brave like the shepherds and tell others about Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, DEC 17TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **If you could pick a new name for yourself, what would it be?**

2 Read Luke 2:21; Matthew 1:21

3 Talk Mary and Joseph gave the baby the name Jesus, just as the angel had said. His name means 'the Lord saves.' Even His name tells us why He came: to save His people.

What did Jesus come to save us from?

4 Activity Add today's JESUS name tag sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray Jesus, Your name means You save. Thank You for saving us. Amen.

Joy

FRIDAY, DEC 18TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **What is your favorite thing about going to church?**

2 Read Luke 2:22–24

3 Talk Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple as God's law instructed. They offered the required sacrifice, faithfully honoring God in an ordinary family moment.

How can our family honor God in everyday things?

4 Activity Add today's temple sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray God, thank You for our church. Help our family worship You together. Amen.

SATURDAY, DEC 19TH

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, and Joy candles. **What is something you waited a whole year for? How did it feel when it finally came?**

2 Read Luke 2:25–32

3 Talk Simeon had waited to see God's promised Savior. When he held baby Jesus, he praised God: he had seen God's salvation with his own eyes. The long wait was finally over.

How do you think Simeon felt when he saw Jesus?

4 Activity Add today's hands holding a swaddled baby sticker. Sing or listen to "Joy to the World."

5 Pray God, thank You that we get to know Jesus too. Fill us with the joy Simeon felt. Amen.

Peace



JESUS IS OUR TRUE PEACE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

1 Start

Light the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace candles.

What is the most peaceful place you have ever been? What made it feel that way?

2 Read

Luke 2:25–38

3 Talk

Simeon and Anna had spent years waiting for God's promised Savior. When they saw Jesus at the temple, they recognized God's faithfulness. Simeon spoke of God's salvation and could now rest in peace. Jesus didn't come merely to give us quiet days or take away every worry. He came to save us and bring us back to God. That's the deeper peace we can have through Him. **How is peace with God different from a quiet day?**

4 Activity

A Family Night of Peace — See the next page for your family activity. Add the dove sticker. Sing or listen to "Silent Night."

5 Pray

God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our peace. When we feel worried, remind us that You are with us. Amen.

A FAMILY NIGHT OF PEACE



Christmas can be busy and noisy! When Simeon met Jesus, he knew God had kept His promise and could rest in peace. This week, slow down as a family and remember the peace Jesus brings.

YOU'LL NEED

Just your family and a little time together!

LET'S DO IT!

1. As a family, choose something peaceful to do together. Cuddle up with books, watch a Christmas movie, take an evening walk, or enjoy hot chocolate by the tree.
2. Put away distractions and enjoy your time together!
3. Before you finish, talk about what brings you peace.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

AGES 2–5: Share what makes you feel safe and loved.

AGES 5–10: Share something you're thankful for.

AGES 10–15: Talk about finding peace in Jesus during stressful times.

REMEMBER: Jesus brings us true peace, even when life feels busy!



MONDAY, DEC 21ST

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace candles. **Have you ever used a map or GPS to find something? Did it get you there?**

2 Read Matthew 2:1–6

3 Talk After Jesus' birth, wise men came looking for the promised King. Religious leaders knew Scripture said the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. God's Word pointed to Jesus, just as it points us to Him.

How does the Bible help us know Jesus?

4 Activity Add today's location pin sticker. Sing or listen to "Silent Night."

5 Pray God, thank You for Your Word that always points us to Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, DEC 22ND

1 Start Light the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace candles. **Have you ever followed something to find a surprise, like a trail of clues or a treasure map?**

2 Read Matthew 2:7–10

3 Talk The wise men followed a star toward Jesus. When they saw it, they rejoiced with great joy. Their long search was leading them to the King they had come to worship.

What helps you keep looking toward Jesus?

4 Activity Add today's star with a curved trail sticker. Sing or listen to "Silent Night."

5 Pray God, lead our family closer to Jesus every day. Amen.



WEDNESDAY, DEC 23RD

1 Start

Light the Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace candles. **What is the best gift you have ever given someone? How did they react?**

2 Read

Matthew 2:11–12

3 Talk

The wise men found Jesus, bowed down, and worshiped Him. They offered gifts fit for a king. As Christmas approaches, we remember that Jesus Himself is God's greatest gift to us.

How can we worship Jesus this Christmas?

4 Activity

Add today's wrapped gift sticker. Sing or listen to "Silent Night."

5 Pray

Jesus, You are the greatest gift. We give You our hearts and our worship. Amen.

BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE

Tomorrow we finish Advent with the Christ Candle and our final Advent sticker. On Christmas Day, there is one special gold celebration sticker waiting! Share something your family learned about Jesus.



Christ



EVERYTHING POINTS TO HIM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH



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1 Start

Light all five candles, adding the white Christ candle for the first time. **Look at all five candles. Which Advent week was your favorite, and why?**

2 Read

Luke 2:1–7

3 Talk

Tonight all five candles shine. Hope, faith, joy, and peace point to Christ, the One at the center. We've remembered God's promises and followed the road to Bethlehem. Now we read of Mary laying Jesus in a manger. The promised Savior has come — not in a palace, but as a baby. Our waiting through Advent ends here, with Jesus, God with us. Every candle has led us to Him.

What do you want to remember about Jesus this Christmas?

4 Activity

Add the final Advent sticker: the white Christ candle. Sing or listen to "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Advent ends tonight!

5 Pray

God, thank You for Jesus. Every promise, every candle, every page of this story points to Him. Make room in our hearts for Him tonight. Amen.

Christ

FRIDAY, DEC 25TH

1 Start

Light all five candles again, including the Christ candle. **Merry Christmas! Before any presents, everyone share one thing you are thankful for this year.**

2 Read

Luke 2:1–20

3 Talk

It's Christmas Day! Today we read the whole story again: the journey to Bethlehem, Jesus in the manger, the shepherds, and the angels' good news. The promised Savior has come. Jesus grew up, died, and rose again to save us, and He will return to make all things new. This is why we celebrate. Advent's waiting is over; today we rejoice that God kept His promise and came near to us.

How can our family keep celebrating Jesus after Christmas?

4 Activity

Add the special gold Christmas sticker (starburst and manger). Sing or listen to "Joy to the World." Celebrate Jesus together!

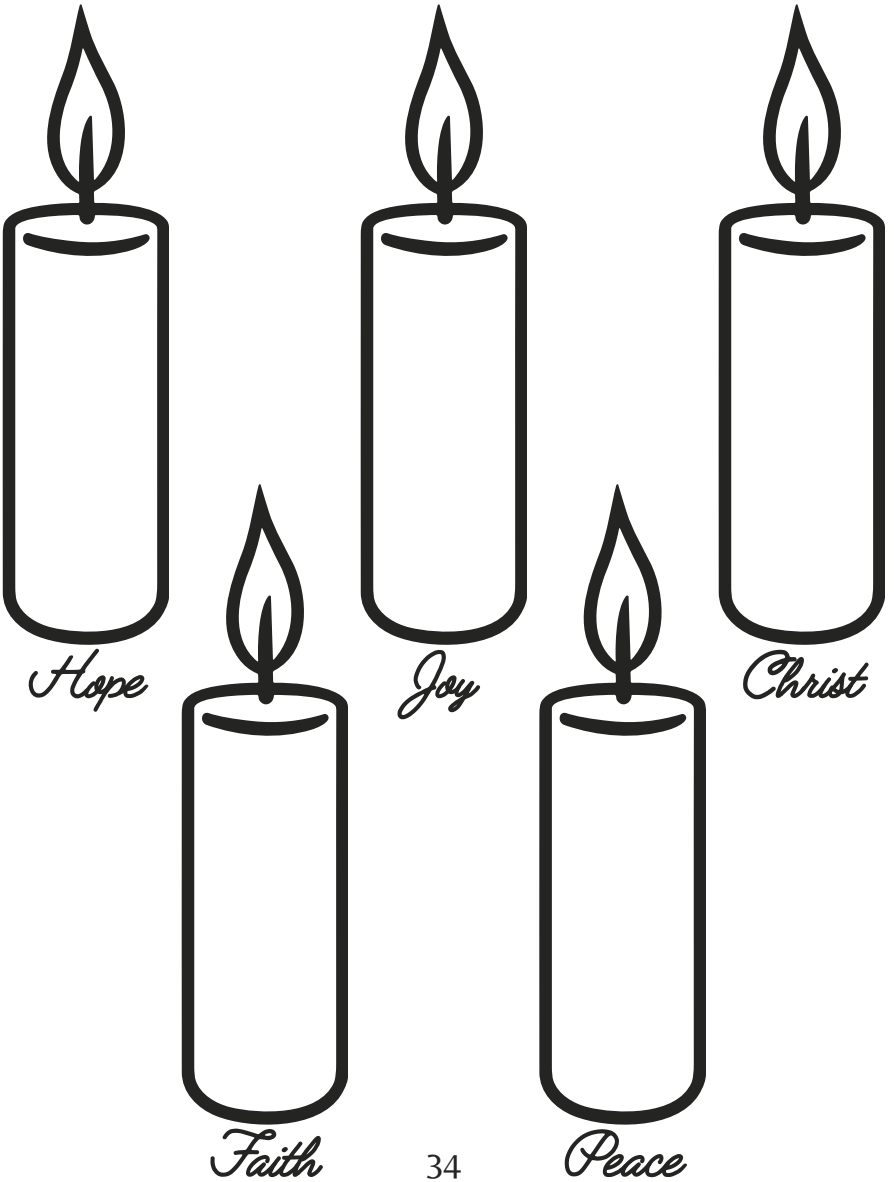
5 Pray

God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You for every way You have been with our family this year. Help us trust You, follow You, and love others like You love us. Merry Christmas, Jesus. Amen.

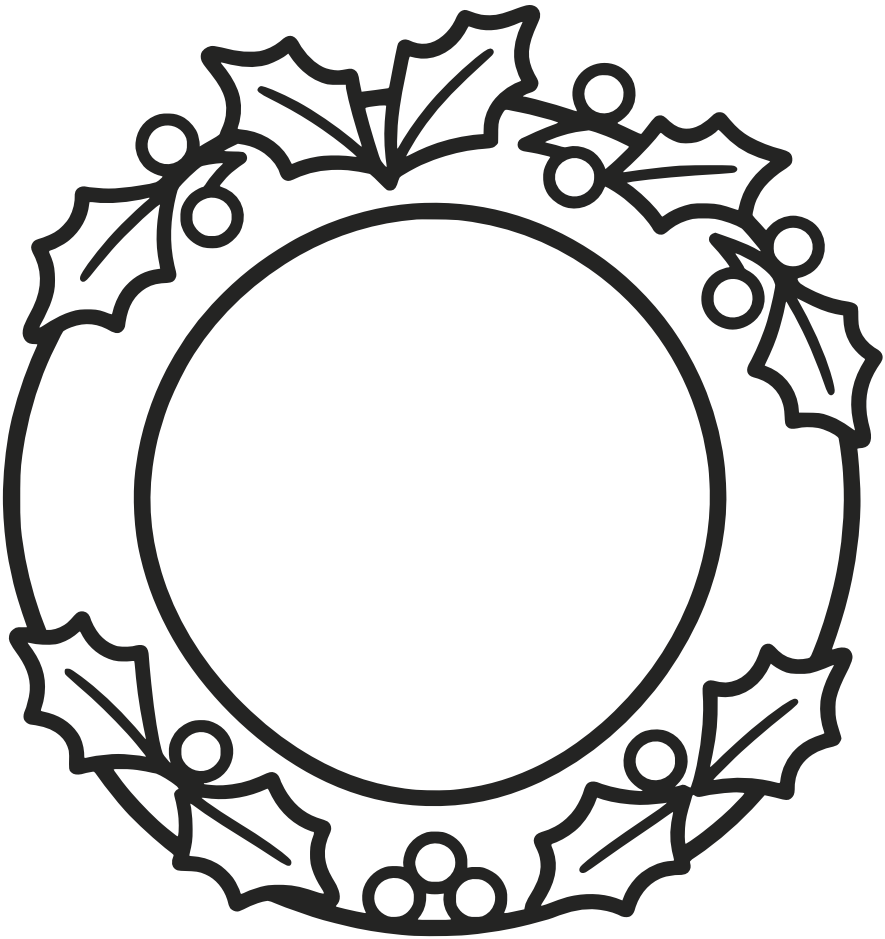
Advent Candles

NO CANDLES? YOU CAN STILL JOIN IN!

Color and cut out these five paper candles. Beginning November 29, add one new candle to your Advent wreath each Sunday. On Christmas Eve, add the white Christ candle in the center. On Christmas Day, display all five as you celebrate Jesus' birth!



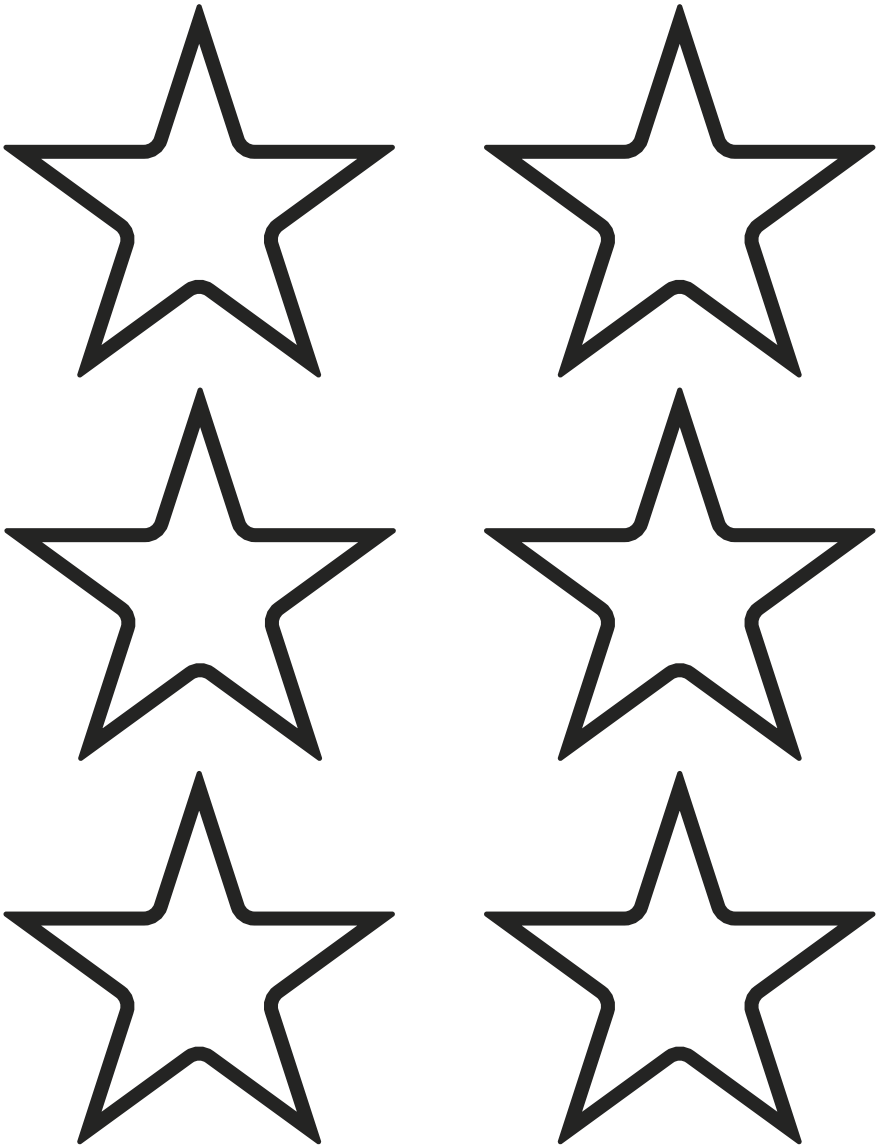
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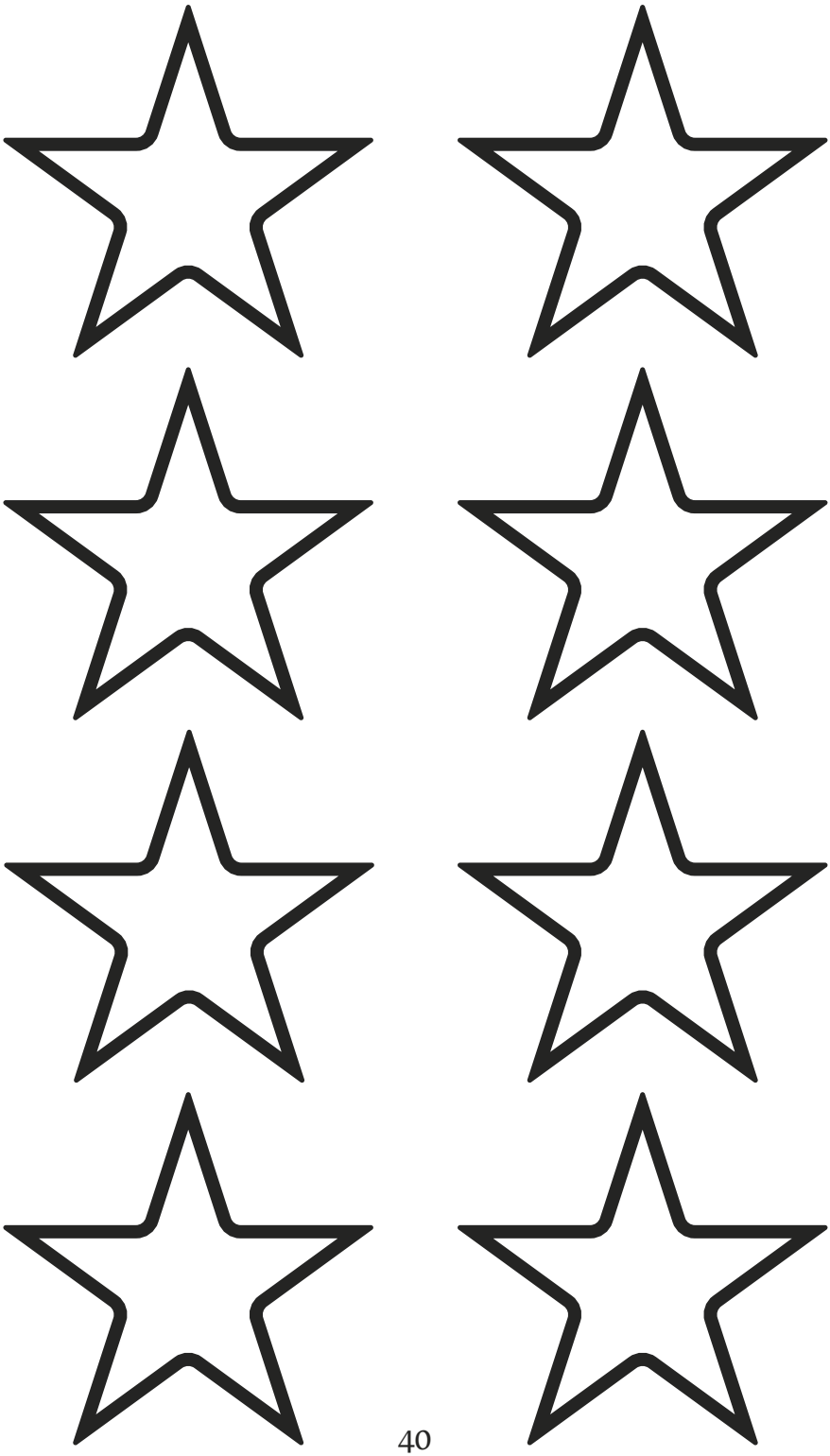


Promise Garland

CUT, COLOR & HANG!

Decorate three stars with God's promises. Cut them out and hang them together on a string, branch, or Christmas tree as a reminder that God always keeps His word!



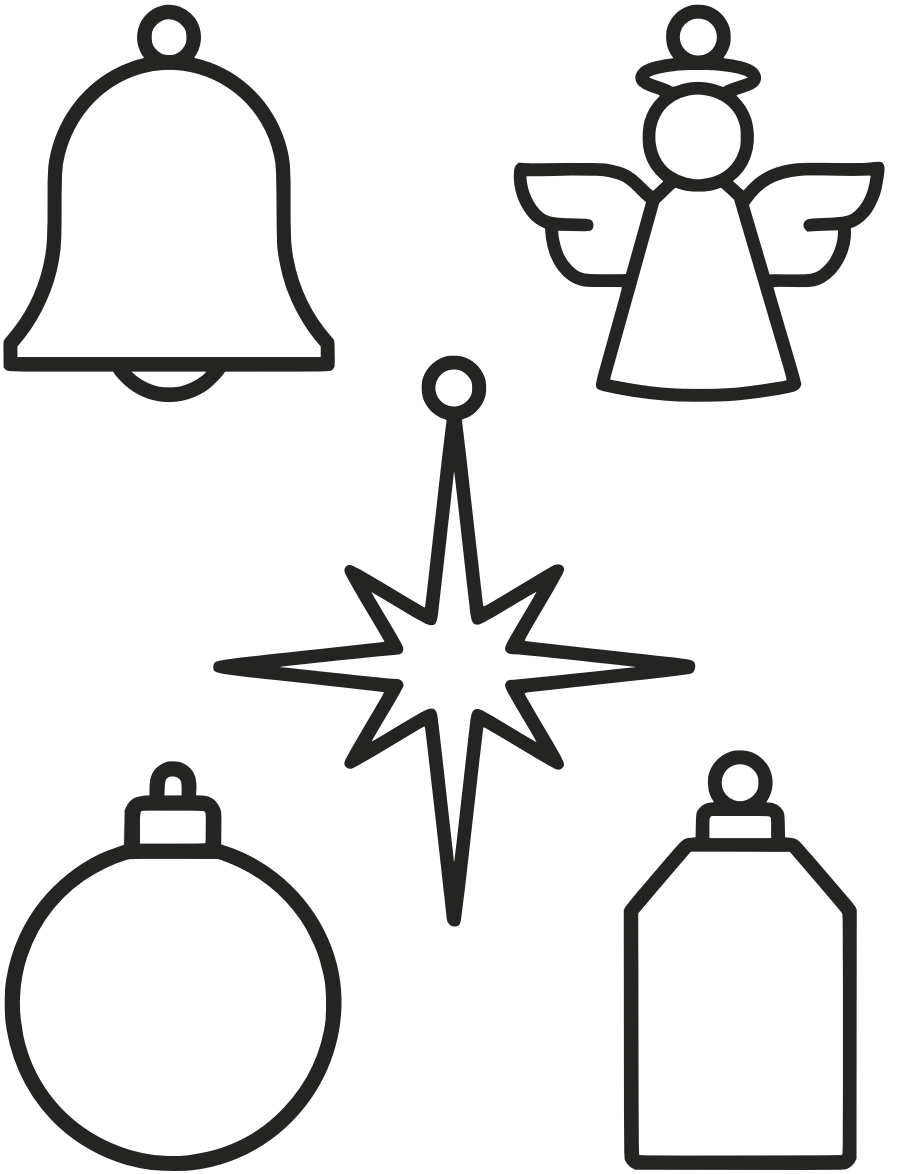


Christmas Ornaments

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!

Decorate the shapes with drawings, names of Jesus, Bible verses, or prayers. Cut them out and hang them where you can see them this week!





HE CAME.

HE'S COMING AGAIN.

REACH THE LOST. DISCIPLE THE FOUND.