

# Kids

# ADVENT CALENDAR

## WEEK OF NOV. 25

### PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Long before Jesus entered the scene in the flesh, people knew He was coming and were preparing for His arrival! Expectation was great and preparations were in full swing.

### FAMILY READING: ISAIAH 9:6-7

#### ENGAGE THIS WEEK

Have a family meeting and make a list of all the ways you want to be intentional with each other this Christmas season. Sing Christmas carols with friends and family. Invite your neighbors and friends to Jingle Jam!

#### PRAY

God, thank you for the promise of Jesus! We are excited to celebrate Christ and His birth. Help our family be intentional in making this season about You. Thank you for loving us.



## WEEK OF DEC. 2

### PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

He is here! Jesus came, in the form of a sweet baby boy, and His coming forever marked why we celebrate Christmas! Hope is here!

### FAMILY READING: LUKE 2:1-7

#### ENGAGE THIS WEEK

Make homemade Christmas cards and deliver them to a local nursing home. Watch a fun Christmas movie (with Christmas tree lights twinkling and hot chocolate, of course) as a family. Retell or act out the Christmas story.

#### PRAY

God, thank you for sending Jesus! He is here and we are thankful. Help us share the story of His coming with those around us.



## WEEK OF DEC. 9

### PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

Jesus came to save us! God sent His Son to pay the price for our sins. Through His death, Jesus gave us the greatest gift: LIFE in Him! Take some time to discuss what this gift means for us today. Are you sharing the truth of this gift with those around you?

### FAMILY READING: JOHN 3:16-17

#### ENGAGE THIS WEEK

Do a family member's chore in secret. Decide as a family to give back to a local organization such as Graceworks, Path Project, JMI, or Angel Tree. Tell each of your family members something you love about them.

#### PRAY

God, thank you for sending Jesus to save us. He is the greatest gift. Thank you for giving us the chance to have a relationship with you. Help us share the story of Jesus' coming with those around us.



## WEEK OF DEC. 16

### PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

We can trust Jesus' promises! He will return one day. In our waiting, we actively participate in what God has called us to... to share Him with those around us. We have a role in His Kingdom!

### FAMILY READING: JOHN 14:1-4

#### ENGAGE THIS WEEK

Pick a friend and send them a card of encouragement. Discuss as a family: What's one thing you can do to show Jesus to others? Invite someone to attend the Christmas Eve service with you.

#### PRAY

God, thank you for the promise that Jesus will return again! We are grateful that your promises are true. Thank you for always providing for us. We love you.



## WEEK OF DEC. 25

### ENGAGE TODAY

All the anticipation, all the excitement, all the preparation and it's finally here... Merry Christmas! It's Jesus' birthday! As you read the Christmas story, give thanks to God for His perfect gift to us! As you open presents, and enjoy time with family and friends, ask God to help you remember the truth of Christmas, the gift of Jesus and the HOPE we celebrate today!

### FAMILY READING: LUKE 2:1-20

What better way to celebrate a birthday than with a party? Make a cake or fun dessert and sing "Happy Birthday" to King Jesus, born as a tiny baby to be the Savior of the world! Merry Christmas!

