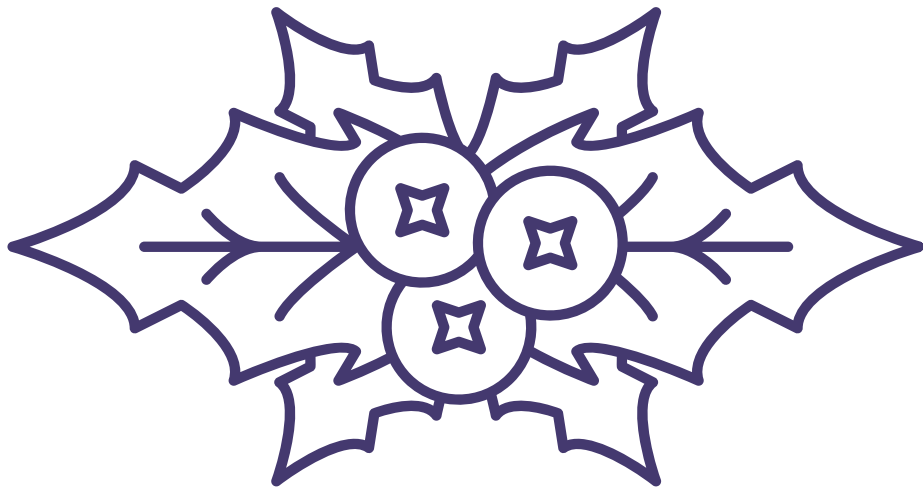
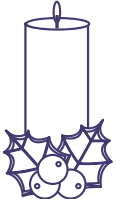


# Advent Calendar



## December 3



Today is the first day of Advent. Attend church and make your Advent wreath. Light one purple candle.

Prayer and readings are in guidebook.

## December 4



Set up your Nativity stable and manger.



Read Luke 2:4-7

## December 5



Hang up stockings or put out shoes for St. Nicholas Day tomorrow. Read a book about the true Saint Nick.



Read Jeremiah 33:14-16

## December 6



Today is St. Nicholas Day!  
Check your shoes or stockings for a surprise.

Read Isaiah 7:14



## December 7

In the spirit of St. Nicholas, who gave away all he owned, go through toys and/or closets for items to donate.

Read James 1:17



## December 8



Make dried orange ornaments. Find out why oranges are a traditional Christmas fruit.

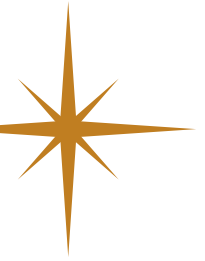


Read John 3:16

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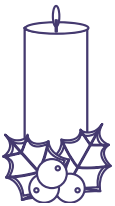


Take a moment to be still and silent this evening. Sit outside with a cup of hot cocoa and look at the stars.

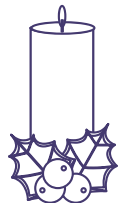


Read Galatians 4:4-7

## December 10



Attend church and light two purple Advent candles.



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## December 11



Nativity: The animals arrive at the stable.



Read Matthew 1:18-19

## December 12



Read your favorite Advent story by the fire or under the tree and reflect on it as a family.



Read Matthew 1:20-21



## December 13

Today is St. Lucia Day! Enjoy St. Lucy Buns and learn about the Saint of the Light.

Read Matthew 1:22-24



## December 14

Be a Secret Santa today and do something kind for someone without them knowing.

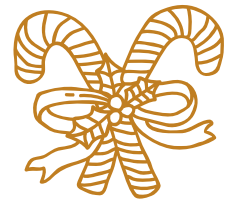
Read Matthew 6:1-4



## December 15

Ready, set...go hunt for candy canes!

Read 1 Peter 1:13



## December 16

*Las Posadas* begins today--a festival commemorating Mary's and Joseph's search for an inn. Read *The Night of Las Posadas* and celebrate with a cup of Mexican Hot Chocolate.

Read Isaiah 11:1-3

## December 17



Today is *Gaudete* Sunday. Attend church and light two purple and one pink Advent candle.

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## December 18

This week's pink Advent candle represents joy. Put on your favorite tune and "dance for joy" around the Christmas tree.

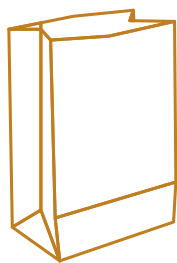
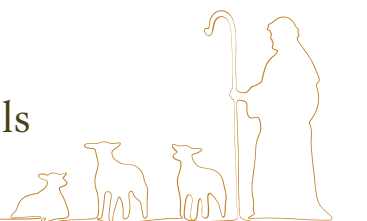
Read Romans 15:13



## December 19

Nativity: The shepherds and angels arrive at the stable.

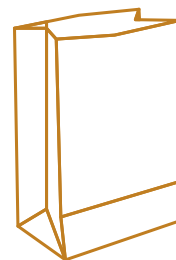
Read Luke 2:8-15



## December 20

Bring joy to the world by making "Blessing Bags" for the homeless.

Read Matthew 25:31-40



## December 21

Hark! The herald angels sing...  
it's time to go caroling!

Read Isaiah 52:7-9



## December 22

Eat dinner by the light of your Advent wreath and reflect on John 1:1-5 using the guided meditation.

Read John 1:1-5





## December 23

Gather all the Christmas cards you have received this Advent and pray for each family by name.

Read Isaiah 9:2



## December 24

Attend church and light all four Advent candles.

Nativity: Mary and Joseph arrive at stable.

Prayers and readings are in guidebook.



## December 25

Merry Christmas! Place baby Jesus in the manger and give thanks to God for the greatest gift.

Read John 1:14

