

Living Joyfully in the Advent & Christmas Seasons

Set up a Nativity Scene, with Mary and Joseph across the room and the Wise Men on the other side. Hide baby Jesus until Christmas.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Advent Begins Take a break from the internet and spend time with someone you love	4 <i>Move Mary and Joseph closer to the stable</i> What journey are you on this Advent?	5 Write a note of gratitude to a friend or family member	6 Say "Hello" to clerks in stores, smiling and looking them in the eye	7 Listen to or share your favorite music. Dance and sing	8 Read or tell stories with loved ones	9 Light candles for whatever place or situation breaks your heart
10 Write memories of God's faithfulness in your life on paper ornaments and hang them on the tree	11 Notice the eye color of people close to you and marvel at the beauty	12 Enjoy grilled cheese and tomato soup or another favorite comfort food	13 Read a story out loud to a child, friend, parent, or someone else that you love	14 Take a friend to coffee and leave your cell phone in your pocket or bag	15 Notice the really small things in life, like bugs or dust bunnies	16 Turn off recorded music and sing some favorite songs with loved ones
17 Read the "O" Antiphons this week, starting with Isaiah 11:2-3 Wisdom	18 Read Isaiah 33:22 Lord <i>Move Mary and Joseph closer to the stable</i>	19 Read Isaiah 11:10 Root of Jesse Take a walk and enjoy the Christmas lights	20 Read Revelation 3:7 Key of David What door do you need God to open to bring you grace?	21 Read Isaiah 9:2 Morning Star Pray for God's light to shine in a place or situation that is breaking your heart	22 Read Isaiah 9:6 King of Nations Listen to "For unto us a child is born" from Handel's Messiah	23 Read Isaiah 7:14 Emmanuel How are you God's presence to others? <i>Put Mary and Joseph in the stable</i>
24 Christmas Eve Where have you experienced God's JOY this Advent?	25 The Birth! <i>Put Jesus in the manger and add the shepherds</i>	26 The Twelve Days of Christmas begin Read John 1:1-5	27 Read Genesis 1:3 <i>Move the Wise Men closer to Jesus</i>	28 Holy Innocents Day Read Psalm 139:11-12 Pray for children around the world	29 Read Psalm 19:8 <i>Move the Wise Men closer</i>	30 Read Isaiah 58:10
31 Read Isaiah 60:19	1 Holy Name Day Read Psalm 43:3	2 Read Matthew 5:14-16	3 Read John 8:12 <i>Move the Wise Men closer</i>	4 Read 1 Peter 2:9	5 Epiphany Eve The Wise Men arrive! 20+C+M+B+18	6 Epiphany Light candles around the house