
Journey To Bethlehem Advent Calendar

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[A Ragamuffin Christmas](#) Nextsunday Resources

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Experience the stories of Advent in a vibrant, new way this year as you Color Advent! In a collection of stories from both testaments, explore prophecies of the coming Messiah, the humble birth of Jesus, and the time-honored first worshippers at Epiphany. Each day has a new scripture for reflection as you create your own scenes and color a story you've known your whole life -- one that becomes more meaningful with every year. Make Coloring Advent part of your journey to Bethlehem!

[My Little Christmas : A Flap Book and Lantern](#) Dayspring

Travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a unique look at the birth of Christ.

[Bethlehem's Child](#) Chronicle Books (CA)

In this widely popular, exciting story for the advent season, readers follow ten-year-old Jotham across Israel as he searches for his family. Though he faces thieves, robbers,

and kidnappers, Jotham also encounters the wise men, shepherds, and innkeepers until at last he finds his way to the Savior born in Bethlehem.

A Devotional Journey to Color Your Way to Christmas Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Ever wondered what Mary thought of those weird gifts? Want an Advent calendar filled with more than chocolate? Immerse yourself in the action of the world's most famous birthday with creative devotions by this #1 bestselling Christian author. Packed with great ideas, including craft, music and artwork, for everyone from tots to wrinklies. Join the journey to Bethlehem, and meet the child who changes everything.

[25 Days of Jesus](#) Crossway

This is the story of a baby from Bethlehem who became the most influential teacher of the ages. As chronicled by Luke, a physician of his time and with great attention to detail, his Gospel account includes a cast of unexpected characters: Fishermen. Beggars. The poor, lame, & blind. Religious

leaders. Women. The life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth seemed upside down for a man who claimed to be the Messiah. He surprised many with talk of loving enemies, parables of grace, and proclamations of an ever-present kingdom of God. Jesus: sentenced and put to death by his own people, resurrected in three days to prove His Lordship. He entered this world an infant: Emmanuel (God with us), and left as Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus the Messiah). Use this devotional and advent calendar to mark the days leading up to Christmas by remembering Jesus' life and teachings. May you connect His purpose and story to your own, and lead your family in the light of His love and grace.

Advent Devotional Golden Press

HEAR THE CHRISTMAS STORY AS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFOREMAKE THE JOURNEY TO THE MANGER ALONG WITHMARY AND JOSEPH, THE SHEPHERDS AND THE MAGIHas the Christmas season become the most stressful time of the year instead of the most wonderful time? Do you struggle to keep Christ in Christmas?The story of the Nativity is told in a mere 40 verses of scripture-19 in the Gospel of Matthew, 20 in the Gospel of Luke and 1 in the Gospel of John. Yet nearly each word of every verse is packed with meaning. We are all familiar with holiday

words like "joy" and "glory." Have you ever wondered about their deeper meaning? The glory of the Lord (Luke 2:9) is not just part of the Christmas story but something we can experience in our own lives. Joy reminds us of the child-like innocence we used to have and can recapture. In Luke 2:20 we read "And the shepherds returned." The shepherds were still shepherds; witnessing the miracle of the Incarnation of Christ didn't change their status. It changed their hearts. Let All Creation Rejoice: Reflections for Advent, the Nativity and Epiphany is a series of short daily reflections on the scripture readings of the season, to be read during the Orthodox Christian Advent and Nativity season between November 15 and January 7. Spending a few minutes each day reading and reflecting on these scriptures will not change your status either. It will change your heart. You will better understand the "good news of a great joy," and why "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." AND AS YOU PREPARE TO AGAIN CELEBRATE GOD'SGREATEST GIFT TO US, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER WITHA MORE GRATEFUL HEART YOUR GIFTS TO HIM. Father Stavros N. Akrotirianakis is a Greek

Orthodox Priest who serves St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, Florida."

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift
Star from Afar

This exclusive English-language translation of the Manual on Indulgences explains what indulgences are and provides the many devotional prayers associated with them.

The Advent Storybook The Journey to Bethlehem
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the road to Bethlehem. Fun and devotional, practical and creative." "In a light-hearted way, Fay brings the emotions and feelings of the characters in the bible stories to life. In the 'To Think About' sections, she helps us to imagine what was going on through modern eyes." "Take a turn off from the Motorway Madness that is the rush to Christmas." "You have made the trek before, but not in this way. Travel at your own pace, ponder, reflect and create, as you rediscover the walk to Bethlehem." "This book will help you to think about familiar stories differently and put some well-known Christmas music into context" *The Christmas Star from Afar* USCCB Publishing
Using a blend of original and familiar music, Lloyd Larson and Victor Johnson, who are church musicians like you, collaborated on this telling of the Christmas story from the vantage point that God's ways are not typically our ways. Featuring all of the hallmarks of popular cantatas, from beloved carols and a scripturally based narration to opportunities for congregational participation and an optional full orchestration, this work also boasts the distinctive choral writing of two fine composers, an upbeat spiritual movement, and short optional female or male solos. May you welcome "Bethlehem's Child" into your heart and your worship service

this season!

Advent Storybook Abingdon Press

Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a

mini-retreat on a theme of the week.

A Daily Advent Devotional

Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Imagine a group of kids on the floor of a gym, or filling a classroom, or on a weekend retreat, praying in a whole new way--so silently that you can hear a pin drop! It happens everyday with Praying in Color.

Manual of Indulgences Zonderkidz

What if you had been there on the night that Jesus was born? What if you could have held the infant Son of God, when He was only a few minutes old? How would it feel to have God Himself in your arms, vulnerable, approachable, and unassuming? In "A Ragamuffin Christmas" Craig Daliessio provides just that view of the Nativity. Far from the usual retelling of a baby, some shepherds, and the Virgin Mary; this is the story of criminals, broken hearted moms, scandalous characters, and legendary Saints, each granted their own visit with the newborn King of Kings. The people and images are unmistakable...and the result of each interaction is life changing. This is the Christmas story as it's never been told before.

A Beginner's Guide to Advent
W Publishing Group

Easy-to-use Advent devotional that the whole family can enjoy together. These simple 10-minute family devotions for Advent, with graphic-novel-style illustrations, explore the Gospel accounts of the first Christmas in an engaging way, and will help

families keep Christ at the heart of their celebrations. With all the Bible passages and questions already laid out, you can lead these devotions without needing any extra time to prepare, making family devotional time an achievable joy, not an unrealistic burden. There are different sets of questions for 3-4s, 5-7s, 7-12s, teens and even parents, so the whole family can enjoy looking at the Bible together. There is an accompanying Advent Calendar available.

**An Advent Journey - 25
Imaginative Devotions for
Adults and Children** Upper Room
Books

Experience the birth of the Christ as told within the context of the day. Why are Mary and Joseph alone on their journey? Who directs them? How does Mary travel so far in her 8th month of pregnancy? Are they prepared for the birth of the child in a strange city 90 miles from home? Who feeds them? Who furnishes cloths for diapers? Who sees to Mary's medical needs? Does the Babe repay those who come to their aid? Joseph's Journey gives human qualities to Mary and Joseph as they accept and perform their Spiritual directive: to bring the Christ Child into the physical world.

Stories for an Advent Calendar
CBP

Your family will have fun

counting down the days to Jesus' birth with this interactive advent calendar that's full of surprises. Each day, your children will look forward to opening doors and peeking in windows that reveal a bit of the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. After all the flaps have been opened, the calendar can be unfolded into the shape of a lantern.

The Journey - [Large Print]
Abingdon Press

Open yourself to the divine chaos and wonder that Advent brings. Join young Mary as she experiences the surprise, confusion, fear, anticipation, and blessing that follows her brave response to God's call: "Here am I, Lord." Listen carefully, and you may hear that call in your own life. Best-selling author and minister Carol Howard Merritt leads us on a remarkable Advent journey with the blessed ordinary girl who becomes the holy and revered Mother of God. From the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, each daily devotion includes a scripture verse, a reflection, and a prayer. I Am Mary also features an Advent candlelighting service--a great liturgy for that special moment as you light the candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, and the Christ

candle at the center of the Advent wreath and our lives. The Berenstain Bears, The Very First Christmas Kregel Publications

Benjamin Bear is so impatient for Christmas to come. To help the time pass more quickly, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--"twenty-four stories all about another little bear and his long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. The little bear, led by a glittering star, meets many others on his travels across hot deserts, snowy mountains, and through dark, lonely nights. His adventures, filled with acts of heroism and kindness and many small miracles, show him the path to the Christ Child. And by journey's end Benjamin Bear--"and all youngsters who share the stories and their simple morals along with him--"will understand and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. *Story of Christmas With Its Own Advent Calendar* Chalice Press

In Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the

visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. The book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike. As part of a larger four-week study that is perfect for Advent, it includes a DVD and a comprehensive leader guide.

A Christmas Tale Lulu.com

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Adam Hamilton's classic, *The Journey*. Since 2011, tens of thousands of churches and small groups have turned Adam Hamilton's best-selling book on the birth of Christ into a classic that's read each year. In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with *Jesus' crucifixion in 24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as

you walk along this road. Read
The Journey on your own or,
for a more in-depth study,
enjoy it with a small group
utilizing the Leader, DVD
featuring Adam on-site in the
Holy Land, and resources for
youth and children.