

Our Advent Calendar

Over 75 advent activity ideas

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Decorate Christmas tree & open new ornament.	Make a Paper Nativity or Crèche
Visit Santa	Drive (or walk) around and look at Christmas Lights. Talk about how Jesus is the Light of the world.
Make a graham cracker gingerbread house while using this Gingerbread Gospel Activity	Open new Christmas pajamas, cuddle together, and read Luke 1&2
Deck the halls!	Go to Bass Pro Shops' Santa's Wonderland
Christmas Gift-Wrapping Party!	Make and hang paper snowflakes

Make [a seed treat](#) for birds

- Spread peanut butter on pinecones, roll in birdseed and nestle in branches.
- Hang orange slices from branches with brightly colored waterproof ribbon.
- Thread popcorn and cranberries onto string to hang from branches.
- [Click here for homemade suet recipe](#)

Make a Thankfulness
construction paper
garland for the tree.

Make homemade ornaments for gifts

[Recycled Card Ornaments](#)

[Button Ornaments](#)

[Felt Poinsettia](#)

[Easy Angel Paperclip Ornament](#)

[Felt Ornament Ideas](#)

[And more ideas](#)

Make hot chocolate and
stir with candy canes

Have a campout in front of
the Christmas tree

Go out for a Christmas
treat

Write Christmas letter
and/or make Christmas
cards

(For a quick way to make many
cards, [use Potato Stamps](#))

Listen to an old-time radio
show Christmas program:

[Cinnamon Bear](#)

[Jonathan Thomas and His Christmas on
the Moon](#)

Color a [Jesse Tree](#)
[Coloring Book](#) or other
Christmas picture

Load the calendar with
[Christmas Around the](#)
[World Calendar](#)
[Connections](#)

Read the Legend of the Candy Cane (Make [this mini-book](#)) and hang candy canes on the tree.

Make [Bethlehem Village](#)

Make a family movie

Stay up late to watch Christmas movies

Collect items to donate to a shelter or place like Salvation Army

Go Christmas Caroling in your neighborhood or go caroling with your church

Create Cards for Christmas using Pine Needle branches and paint

Go for a winter walk and notebook it!

Board the "Polar Express" (the couch) to watch the Polar Express. Drink hot chocolate during the hot chocolate song. Don't forget [your tickets](#)!

Bake and decorate sugar cookies

Make a 12 Days of Christmas Lapbook or Coloring Pages or Paper Puppets

Make Santa's Christmas Village

Create a Loving Deeds Jar and select one item to do today

Make paper gift boxes and/or Christmas paper toy gifts

Make Sugar Cone Christmas Tree Treats

Make a Family Handprint Christmas Tree or a Family Fingerprint Christmas Tree

Make Thumbprint Christmas Lights for thank-you cards

Make a Names of Jesus Advent Chain

Include The Indescribable Gift under your tree

Grow a Borax Snowflake

Write & illustrate the
Christmas Story

Play a game together!

[Christmas Bible Bingo](#)
[Road to Bethlehem Game](#)
[Christmas File Folder Games](#)
[To Bethlehem Christmas Game](#)
[Bible Games on Amazon](#)

On your [Advent wreath](#),
light the 1st candle. It
represents the HOPE of
the promised Messiah.
Isaiah 9:1-3

On your Advent wreath, light
the 2nd candle. It reminds us
that the coming Savior will be
the Prince of PEACE. Isaiah
9:6-7

On your Advent wreath,
light the 3rd candle. It
reminds us the JOY we
may have in Christ.
Isaiah 35:1-2, 10

On your Advent wreath, light
the 4th candle. It reminds us
that God LOVES us so much
that He sent his only Son.
John 3:16

Decorate your own
wrapping paper

Light the final Advent Candle
on Christmas Eve night or
Christmas Day.
Luke 1:68-79; Luke 2:1-20

Work at a food pantry or
clothing closet

Visit a nursing home or
hospital. Sing Christmas
Carols, take the cookies
you've made, and/or hand
out homemade cards.

Make a Nativity [Shadow Puppet Theater](#) or finger puppets and retell the account of Christ's birth

Study a country: [Christmas Around the World Lapbook](#)

[Make Wassail](#)

After supper, sing Christmas carols

Create a Christmas Symbols Mobile or make a [Christmas Symbols Mini-Book](#)

Make a Merry Christmas phone call - and sing a Christmas Carol together

Attach candy canes to [Symbolism of the Candy Cane Bookmarks](#) to give to friends

[Make a Nativity Felt Flannel Board or Nativity Advent Calendar](#) and use it to tell the story of the birth of our savior

Read [Gift of the Magi](#) or another Christmas-related short story

Make a bean bag nativity set ([instructions](#) | [patterns](#))

<p>Create <u>Map Ball Ornaments</u> (or use travel brochures) for places you've traveled to this year</p>	<p>Scrabble (or other random game) night</p>
<p>Embark on a <u>Names of Jesus</u> <u>study</u> as a family</p>	<p>Attend a Christmas performance or Living Nativity</p>
<p>Make <u>reindeer food</u></p>	<p>Have a Christmas cookie or <u>Jesse Tree ornament</u> <u>exchange party</u></p>
<p>String popcorn on the tree</p>	<p>Make a birthday cake for Jesus.</p>
<p>Sing and dance to Christmas songs</p>	<p>Act out the Christmas story</p>

Make [felt mistletoe](#) to hang in the doorway

Choose three of your toys to donate to a charity of your choice.

Spend today serving others.
Ideas:

- Pick up trash at the park or in your neighborhood
- Work at a clothing closet or food kitchen/pantry
- Simply serve others in your family

Donate canned food to the local food pantry.

Do something for someone who is in need or who is feeling lonely or sad this Christmas season.

Use Christmas cookie cutters to make a lunchmeat-cheese-and-cracker snack

Shop from Christmas catalogs from [World Vision](#), [Samaritan's Purse](#), [Gospel for Asia](#), or other charity

Make [Christmas Playdough](#)

Enjoy a Red & Green Themed Dinner
(apples? strawberries? green beans? spinach?)

Make [Wire Sculpture Christmas Trees](#)

Collect some twigs to
make [stick stars](#)

Create [Salt-Dough
Handprint Christmas
Ornaments](#) as gifts for
grandparents!

Set up your Advent Candle
Wreath or Display (Here's [a
simple bucket-style Candle
Display!](#))

Make a [Christingle](#)

Spend an afternoon
making [Gifts-in-a-Jar gifts](#)

Make [Advent Ornaments](#) for
the Christmas tree (the links
to the Devotional include
paper ornament templates -
just cut and hang!)

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