

25 Days of Advent

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

This family faith formation activity divides the Christmas Narrative leading up to Jesus' birth into 25 days. One card for every day in December leading up to Christmas, Jesus' birthday! As Christmas day gets closer, the story of Jesus' birth will also grow.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Cut out the verse cards and put them in an envelope. Keep them where your family will read them every day such as on the table to read before a meal. Consider lighting a candle or singing the same Christmas song before reading every day, and pray together after reading.
- 2 Begin on December 1st, read one new card each day. Be sure to reread the earlier date as well ending with the new card for that day. Doing so will grow the story over the weeks in anticipation of Christmas day. As the month goes on the verses become more and more familiar and family members may be able to recite the story from memory.
- 3 Use the cards year after year



God sent the
angel Gabriel
to a girl
named Mary
(Luke 1:26)

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The Angel said to her, "Don't
be afraid, Mary, because God
is pleased with you"
(Luke 1:30)



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"Listen! You will be pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him, Jesus."
(Luke 1:31)



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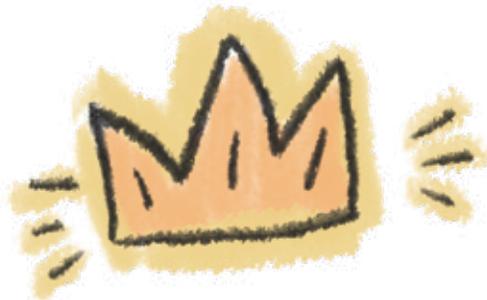
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Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this happen to me as you say!"
(Luke 1:38)



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"He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God."
(Luke 1:32)

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At that time, Cesar sent an order that everyone's name must be put on a list.
(Luke 2:1)

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Everyone traveled to their hometown to have their names put on the list.
(Luke 2:3)



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While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son.
(Luke 2:6-7)



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So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Joseph put Mary's name along with his.
(Luke 2:4-5)



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There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a box where animals are fed.
(Luke 2:7)



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That night, some shepherds
were in the fields nearby
watching their sheep. 



(Luke 2:8)



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The angel said to
them, "Don't be
afraid, because I
am bringing you
some good news!
It will be a joy to
all the people."
(Luke 2:10)



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An angel of the Lord
stood before them.

The glory of the
Lord was shining
around them.

(Luke 2:9)

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"Today your Savior was
born in David's town.
He is Christ, the Lord."

(Luke 2:11)

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"This is how you will know him:
You will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a feeding box."
(Luke 2:12)



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So the shepherds went quickly and
found Mary, Joseph and the baby
(Luke 2:17)



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★ Then a very large group of ★
angels from heaven joined the
first angel. All the angels were
praising God, saying: "Give
glory to God in heaven, and on
earth let there be peace to the
people who please God."
(Luke 2:13)

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Then the shepherds went back
to their sheep, praising God and
thanking him for everything
that they had seen and heard.
(Luke 2:20)



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After Jesus was born,
some wise men from the
east came to Jerusalem.
(Matthew 2:1)

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They went to the house,
and they bowed down
and worshiped the child.
(Matthew 2:11)

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When the wise
men saw the
star, they were
filled with joy.
(Matthew 2:10)



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They gave him
treasures of gold,
frankincense, and
myrrh.
(Matthew 2:11)



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A child will be born to us.
God will give a son to us.
His name will be Wonderful
Counselor, Powerful God, Father
Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Merry
Christmas!

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For God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son. God
gave his Son so that whoever
believes in him may not be lost,
but have eternal life.
(John 3:16)

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