



ADVENT CALENDAR

These are great activities to prepare as a family. Encourage each member to prepare a small part of your family Advent calendar. This will help to build the excitement and anticipation as we wait for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus birth.

IDEA 1 ADVENT CALENDAR WITH PEGS AND RIBBON

You will need:

- 24 clothes pegs
- A ribbon approximately 125 cm long
- Glue
- 2 sheets of scrapbooking paper in Christmas colours
- 1 sheet of plain coloured scrapbooking paper
- Paper numbers included
- Advent Activity Cards (see idea 3) or you could make up your own Advent devotional ideas and activities (decorate Christmas tree, make honey biscuits, read your favourite Christmas story book etc.)

What to do:

1. Glue your Advent Activity Cards to the back of your Christmas scrapbooking paper and cut out.
2. Cut out your paper numbers and back them onto an alternate (plain) coloured piece of scrapbooking paper.
3. Glue numbers to the middle of each prayer card (on the scrapbook paper side)
4. Finally, peg each card onto your ribbon.
5. Hang in a prominent place during Advent and have fun!



IDEA 2 SIMPLE ADVENT CALENDAR

You will need:

24 small white paper bags (small envelopes would also work)

Number stickers or black marker

Washi tape (this is a decorative paper tape available at most paper craft stores or Spotlight)

Advent Activity Cards (see idea 3) or you could make up your own Advent devotional ideas and activities (decorate Christmas tree, make honey biscuits, read your favourite Christmas story book etc.)

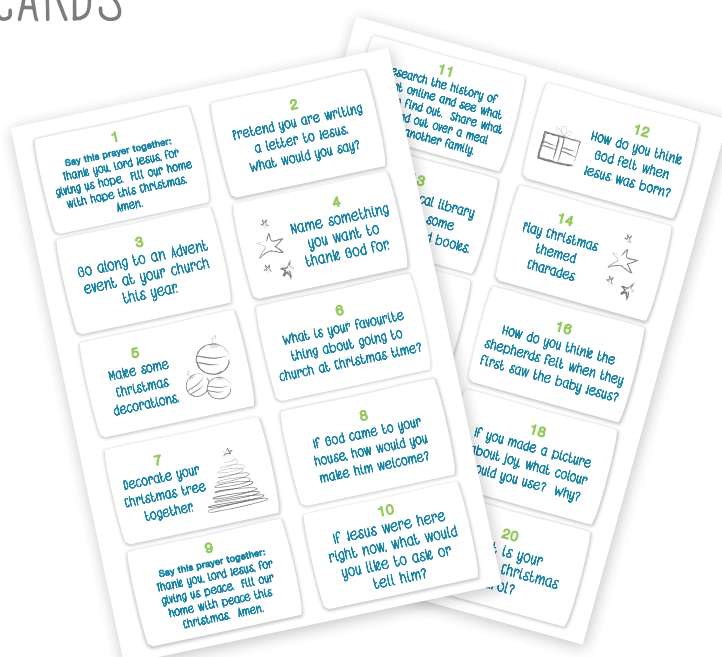
What to do:

1. Stick (or write with black marker) numbers 1-24 on each paper bag
2. Cut your Advent Activity Cards into 24 pieces and place one in each bag
3. Seal each envelope with the washi tape
4. Place your bags in a decorative bowl on your meal table and open one each night during Advent or you might prefer to arrange on your fridge or wall in the shape of a Christmas tree.



IDEA 3 ADVENT ACTIVITY CARDS

Use the cards that are on the following pages with Advent Calendar Idea 1 or Idea 2 or simply cut out and place on your dinner table during Advent and randomly read one each day of Advent as you count-down to Christmas.



1

Say this prayer together:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us hope. Fill our home with hope this Christmas. Amen.

2

Pretend you are writing a letter to Jesus. What would you say?

3

Go along to an Advent event at your church this year.

4



Name something you want to thank God for:

5

Make some Christmas decorations.



6

What is your favourite thing about going to church at Christmas time?

7

Decorate your Christmas tree together.



8

If God came to your house, how would you make him welcome?

9

Say this prayer together:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us peace. Fill our home with peace this Christmas. Amen.

10

If Jesus were here right now, what would you like to ask or tell him?

11

Research the history of Advent online and see what you can find out. Share what you find out over a meal with another family.

12



How do you think God felt when Jesus was born?

13

Go to your local library and borrow some Christmas themed books.

14

Play Christmas themed charades



15

Say this prayer together:
Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us love. Fill our home with love this Christmas.
Amen.

16

How do you think the shepherds felt when they first saw the baby Jesus?

17

Make some Christmas biscuits. Give some away to your friends and neighbours.

18

If you made a picture about joy, what colour would you use? Why?

19

Have a movie night. Watch the movie **The Nativity Story** together. Don't forget the popcorn.

20

What is your favourite Christmas carol?

21

Say this prayer together:
Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us joy. Fill our home with joy this Christmas. Amen.

22

Work together to clean the house ready for Christmas.

23

Invite your grand-parents or a mature couple over for a meal. Ask them to share how they celebrated Advent and Christmas when they were young.

24



Go for a walk and check out the Christmas lights in your local suburb.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24



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