



ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

Advent is a season of waiting — we are eagerly waiting for Jesus' birth! At the Chapel, we use candles to celebrate Advent. We light a new candle each week as we look forward to the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world! This Advent calendar has daily activities that will brighten your family's Christmas celebration, creating merry, bright, and meaningful moments. We pray that each activity will help your family "Shine Jesus' Light" together this Christmas!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	November 27 Light a candle and read Isaiah 9:2, 6 . Tell about a time you walked in the dark. How did you feel? How can Jesus help you when you feel that way?	November 28 Decorate something in your house with lights! It could be a Christmas tree, a banister, or even a refrigerator! Thank Jesus for his light that brightens dark times.	November 29 Light a candle and read Isaiah 9:2, 6 . What name for Jesus in these verses do you like best? Tell why.	November 30 Every time you turn on a light switch today say, "Shine Jesus' Light!"	December 1 Light a candle and read John 8:12 . Play a game of "follow the leader". Turn off the lights and give the leader a flashlight. How is following the leader in the game like following Jesus as a family?	December 2 Eat supper in the dark! Light candles or turn on a flashlight to give you the light you need to see. Talk about how Jesus has brought light to dark times our family has gone through. And thank Jesus for being the light of your family.
December 3 Light a candle and read John 8:12 . Where and when have you seen Jesus' light in your world this week?	December 4 Light two candles and read Romans 12:16 . When people live in harmony, their cool differences come together to make something beautiful. What is something cool about each member of your family?	December 5 Harmony happens when different musical notes are played or sung together! Listen to Christmas music together. Do you hear any harmonies?	December 6 Light two candles and read Romans 12:16 . Why is it important to keep learning new things rather than insisting you know it all? What have you learned from members of your family?	December 7 Take turns sharing interesting things you know with your family. It will be fun to learn from each other	December 8 Light two candles and read Luke 1:78-79 . Zechariah said these words. He was married to Jesus' mom's cousin, Elizabeth! So, he was related to Jesus! Think of one relative in your family and send that person an encouraging message to brighten their day.	December 9 When arguments happen in your family today, take a deep breath, and ask Jesus to shine his light in your hearts to help you get along.
December 10 Light two candles and read Luke 1:78-79 . Tell about a time you needed Jesus' peace. How did Jesus help you during that time?	December 11 Light three candles and read Luke 1:46-47 . God chose Mary to be Jesus' mom and Mary was happy about that. What is something you are happy about today? Praise God for those happy things!	December 12 What good things are happening this week? Parties? Concerts? Christmas movies? The Live Nativity? Think about ways to shine Jesus' light as you enjoy those good things.	December 13 Light three candles and read Luke 1:46-47 . Have a praise party! Move and groove together as you listen to favorite Christmas songs about Jesus!	December 14 Open a Christmas present early! Enjoy that good gift together as a family.	December 15 Light three candles and read Psalm 100:1-2 . When we have joy, our hearts feel happy and grateful. Take turns saying one thing you are grateful for today.	December 16 Jump for joy! Jump up and down with your family! How many different ways can you safely jump? Have a good time jumping and laughing together.
December 17 Light three candles and read Psalm 100:1-2 . Sing a prayer before supper. It could be a prayer song you have heard before or one you make up!	December 18 Light four candles and read Matthew 2:9-11 . These verses tell about the Magi's visit with Jesus! Together as a family, take some time to pray and visit with Jesus. Tell Him about your day and ask for His help with things you are facing this week.	December 19 Look for ways to help each other today! You could help make beds, fold laundry, get a snack, or read a book! When you do, you are shining Jesus' light!	December 20 Light four candles and read Matthew 2:9-11 . Seeing the star brought the Magi great joy. Tell your family about something that brings you joy!	December 21 Who can you help in your community this week? Could you deliver Christmas treats to cheer someone's day? Could you clean up trash at a park? Could you decorate someone's house for them? Look for ways to shine Jesus' light as you help others.	December 22 Light four candles and read Matthew 5:16 . What good deeds have people done for your family? Take time to remember kind things people have done, then thank God for those people.	December 23 Help each other make Christmas cookies this weekend!
December 24 Light four candles and read Matthew 5:16 . When someone does something nice for you today, say, "Thanks for shining Jesus' light!"	December 25 Christmas Day Instead of saying "Merry Christmas" today, greet your family by saying "Jesus is the Light of the world... Shine Jesus' Light!" 	<div></div> <h2>JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!</h2> <div></div>				