

Prince Kids

FAMILY ADVENT

November 29 – December 24, 2026

Luke 1:5-2:20

HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' birth. This booklet helps your family follow the story in Luke through short readings and simple conversations. Set aside a few minutes each day—around the table, before bed, or whenever works best for your family.

Let's Talk

Begin with the first question. It gives everyone an easy way to join the conversation by sharing an experience or idea. Let children and adults take turns answering.

Let's Read

Read the day's Scripture passage aloud from your Bible. The reference appears after the opening question. Invite a child who is comfortable reading to help.

Let's Learn

Read the short paragraph together. It explains what is happening in the passage and helps your family understand the day's main point.

Let's Grow

Ask the final question. Talk about what the passage teaches us about God and how your family can respond. You do not need perfect answers; learn together.

Let's Pray

Close with a simple prayer about what you discussed. Thank God for what you learned and ask Him to help your family trust and follow Jesus. Invite a child to pray or let each person share a short prayer.

Keep it Simple

Younger children may give a short answer, while older children may want to talk longer. Explain unfamiliar words and give everyone time to think. If you miss a day, simply pick back up. The goal is to spend time in God's Word together and keep pointing your family to Jesus.

MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH TOGETHER

Create a wreath together, then add a paper flame each week as your family prepares to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Supplies

One sturdy paper plate

Five empty toilet paper rolls

Green, purple, pink, white, and yellow construction paper (or good coloring crayons)

Glue, tape, scissors, and marker



Directions

1. **Decorate your wreath**. Tear green paper into small pieces and glue them around the plate's edge. Leave the center intact.
2. **Make your candles.** Wrap three rolls in purple paper, one in pink, and one in white. Tape the paper in place.
3. **Add the words.** Write Hope, Love, and Peace on the purple candles, Joy on the pink candle, and Jesus on the white candle.
4. **Put it together.** Tape the four colored candles around the plate and the white candle in the middle. To help each roll stand, cut four short slits in its bottom edge, fold the tabs outward, and tape them to the plate.
5. **Make five flames.** Cut five flame shapes from yellow paper. Save them to add throughout Advent.

Use Your Wreath

Tape a paper flame inside the top of each candle on the following dates. There are additional readings for your family to read as you light each candle. Keep the previous flames in place as you add the next one.

November 29 | Hope
December 6 | Love
December 13 | Joy
December 20 | Peace
December 24 | Jesus



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, November 29

HOPE

Instructions

Add the paper flame to the Hope Candle, read the following together, and give thanks to God!

God's people waited for Him to send the Savior He had promised. As we light the Hope candle, we remember that God keeps His promises and that we can put our hope in Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. – Romans 15:13

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 1 | NOVEMBER 29

Zechariah and Elizabeth Wait

When have you had to wait for something you really wanted? How did you feel while you waited?

Read Luke 1:5–7

Zechariah and Elizabeth loved God and followed Him, but they were sad because they had no children. Their story reminds us that even when we love God, life doesn't always go the way we hope. Waiting can be hard, but we can tell God how we feel and trust that He is good. As we begin Advent, we'll see how God was working in their lives as part of His bigger plan to send Jesus.

Let's Grow

Zechariah and Elizabeth followed God even while waiting for a child. How can we keep trusting God when we're waiting for something we've prayed for?

DAY 2 | NOVEMBER 30

God's People Pray

When you need help or have something exciting to share, who do you like to talk to?

Read Luke 1:8–10

Zechariah was serving as a priest in the temple while the people gathered outside to pray. They were talking to God as Zechariah did the work he had been chosen to do. We can talk to God wherever we are—at home, at school, or riding in the car. Prayer is one way we remember that we need God and can depend on Him every day.

Let's Grow

The people prayed while Zechariah served in the temple. What is something our family can talk to God about today?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 3 | DECEMBER 1

An Angel Brings Good News

What is a surprise that made you really happy?

Read Luke 1:11–13

While Zechariah was in the temple, an angel appeared beside him! Zechariah was afraid, but the angel told him not to fear: God had heard his prayer, and Elizabeth would have a son. God had heard him all along, even when he couldn't see an answer. We can bring our prayers to God, knowing that He listens and cares, even when His answers are different from what we expect.

Let's Grow

The angel told Zechariah that God had heard his prayer. How does knowing God hears us help us pray?

DAY 4 | DECEMBER 2

John Will Prepare People for the Lord

How does our family get ready when someone special is coming to visit?

Read Luke 1:14–17

The angel said that Zechariah and Elizabeth's son would be named John and would bring joy to many people. God had a special job for him: helping people turn to God and get ready for Jesus. As Christmas gets closer, it's easy to spend our time thinking about presents, decorations, and fun plans. We can also get ready by making time to listen to God's Word and remember why Jesus came.

Let's Grow

John would help people get ready for the Lord. How can we make room to focus on Jesus as we get ready for Christmas?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 5 | DECEMBER 3

Zechariah Struggles to Believe

Have you ever heard something so surprising that it was hard to believe?

Read Luke 1:18–20

Zechariah found the angel's message hard to believe because he and Elizabeth were old. He wondered how they could possibly have a baby, but the angel reminded him that the message came from God. Zechariah would be unable to speak until God's promise came true. Sometimes we struggle to trust God, too, but we can ask Him to help us believe His Word even when we don't understand.

Let's Grow

Zechariah struggled to believe God's message. What can help us trust God when we don't understand what He is doing?

DAY 6 | DECEMBER 4

Elizabeth Sees God's Kindness

When has someone done something kind for you that made you feel loved?

Read Luke 1:21–25

The people outside wondered why Zechariah was taking so long, and when he came out, he couldn't speak! Later, Elizabeth learned that she was going to have a baby, just as God had said. She recognized God's kindness and thanked Him for caring for her. We can practice noticing God's kindness, too, and thank Him for the ways He cares for us each day.

Let's Grow

Elizabeth recognized God's kindness to her.
Where have we seen God's kindness in our family?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 7 | DECEMBER 5

An Angel Visits Mary

How do you feel when something unexpected happens?

Read Luke 1:26–29

God sent the angel Gabriel to a town called Nazareth to visit Mary. She wasn't a queen or someone famous, but God knew her and had a special part for her in His plan. Mary was troubled by the angel's greeting and wondered what it meant. Like Mary, we don't always understand what is happening, but we can remember that God knows us and turn to Him when we feel unsure.

Let's Grow

Mary was troubled by the angel's greeting.
What can we do when we feel unsure or afraid?



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 6

LOVE

Instructions

Add the paper flame to the Love Candle, read the following together, and give thanks to God!

God showed His great love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. As we light the Love candle, we thank God for loving us and ask Him to help us love others.

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. – 1 John 5:9

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 8 | DECEMBER 6

Mary Hears the Promise of Jesus

If you were a king or queen for a day, what would you do?

Read Luke 1:30-33

The angel told Mary not to be afraid because God was pleased with her. She would have a son named Jesus, and He would be called the Son of the Most High. Jesus would be a King whose kingdom would never end! At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of this promised King, who is worthy of our love and trust.

Let's Grow

The angel said Jesus' kingdom would never end.
How is Jesus different from every other king?

DAY 9 | DECEMBER 7

Mary Trusts God's Word

When have you tried something new even though you didn't know exactly how it would go?

Read Luke 1:34–38

Mary wondered how she could have a baby, and the angel explained that God would do something only He could do. This child would be holy—the Son of God. Mary didn't know every detail of what would happen next, but she was willing to trust and obey God. We can ask God to help us follow Him, even when we don't have all the answers.

Let's Grow

Mary chose to trust and obey God without knowing every detail.
What is one way we can obey God even when it feels difficult?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 10 | DECEMBER 8

Elizabeth Welcomes Mary

What helps you feel welcome when you visit someone's home?

Read Luke 1:39–42

Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth, who was also expecting a baby. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, her baby jumped inside her, and the Holy Spirit helped Elizabeth recognize how special Mary's child was. Elizabeth welcomed Mary with joy and celebrated what God was doing. We can show God's love by welcoming others and sharing their joy.

Let's Grow

Elizabeth joyfully welcomed Mary and celebrated the baby she carried. How can our family help someone feel welcomed and loved this Christmas?

DAY 11 | DECEMBER 9

Elizabeth Celebrates God's Promise

What is a promise someone kept that made you happy?

Read Luke 1:43–45

Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was her Lord, even before Jesus was born. She was amazed that Mary had come to visit her! Elizabeth also celebrated Mary's trust that God would do what He had promised. We can trust God's promises, too, because He is faithful and always tells the truth.

Let's Grow

Elizabeth said Mary was blessed because she believed God's promise. What promise from God helps us trust Him?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 12 | DECEMBER 10

Mary Praises God

When something wonderful happens, how do you celebrate?

Read Luke 1:46-48

Mary responded to the good news by praising God. She called Him her Savior and rejoiced that He had noticed and cared for her. Mary knew that what was happening was because of God's goodness, so she gave Him the praise. We can follow her example by remembering who God is and thanking Him for what He has done.

Let's Grow

Mary praised God as her Savior.
What can we praise God for today?

DAY 13 | DECEMBER 11

God is Mighty and Merciful

When has someone shown you kindness after you made a mistake?

Read Luke 1:49–50

Mary praised God because He had done great things for her. She knew that God is mighty, holy, and merciful. Being merciful means showing kindness and compassion to people who need help and forgiveness. God's mercy gives us a reason to thank Him and helps us learn to show mercy to others.

Let's Grow

Mary praised God for His power and mercy.
What does God's mercy teach us about how to treat others when they do something wrong?

DAY 14 | DECEMBER 12

God Remembers His Promises

When have you needed help with something you couldn't do by yourself?

Read Luke 1:51-56

Mary praised God for caring for people who were hungry, humble, and in need. People may think being powerful or important is what matters most, but God sees and cares for those others might overlook. Mary also remembered that God was keeping the promises He had made to Abraham and his family long ago. We can depend on God's care and look for ways to care for others.

Let's Grow

Mary described how God cares for the humble and hungry. How can our family depend on God and care for people who need help?



"Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy..."

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 13

JOY

Instructions

Add the paper flame to the Joy Candle, read the following together, and give thanks to God!

The angel announced good news of great joy: Jesus, our Savior, was born! As we light the Joy candle, we celebrate that Jesus came to rescue us from sin and bring us into God's family.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. – Luke 2:10

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 15 | DECEMBER 13

John is Born

What is something happy that you have celebrated with friends or family?

Read Luke 1:57–61

Elizabeth's baby was born, just as God had promised! Her neighbors and relatives heard how kind God had been to her, and they celebrated with her. When it was time to name the baby, Elizabeth said his name would be John, following the message God had sent. Their joy reminds us to notice and celebrate the good things God does in other people's lives.

Let's Grow

Elizabeth's neighbors and relatives rejoiced with her over God's mercy. How can we celebrate the good things God does in someone else's life?

DAY 16 | DECEMBER 14

People Wonder What God Will Do

What is something you wonder about your future?

Read Luke 1:62-66

Zechariah wrote, "His name is John," agreeing with the name God had given the baby. Right away, he could speak again, and he began praising God! People throughout the area heard what had happened and wondered what John would grow up to do. They could see that God was with him, and we can trust God with our future, too.

Let's Grow

The people wondered what John would become, and the Lord was with him. How can we trust God with our future, even though we don't know what will happen?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 17 | DECEMBER 15

Zechariah Praises God for Coming to Help

When has someone come to help you right when you needed them?

Read Luke 1:67–70

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Zechariah praised God for coming to rescue His people. God was sending the Savior He had promised long ago through His prophets. That Savior was Jesus, who would grow up to die for our sins and rise again. Christmas helps us remember that God loved us enough to send the Savior we need.

Let's Grow

Zechariah praised God for sending a Savior.
Why do we need Jesus to rescue us from sin?

DAY 18 | DECEMBER 16

God Keeps His Promise to Rescue

When have you felt safe because someone was taking care of you?

Read Luke 1:71–75

Zechariah remembered God's promise to Abraham and praised Him for keeping it. God was rescuing His people so they could serve Him without fear. Following God means learning to live in ways that please Him because we belong to Him. As we remember God's love and care, we can look for ways to serve Him each day.

Let's Grow

Zechariah said God rescues His people so they can serve Him without fear. What is one way our family can serve God this week?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 19 | DECEMBER 17

John Will Point People to Jesus

When have you helped someone find the right way to go?

Read Luke 1:76–77

Zechariah spoke about the special job God had given his son, John. John would prepare the way for the Lord and help people understand their need for forgiveness. Our biggest problem is sin—the ways we think, speak, and act against God. John would point people to Jesus, the Savior who can forgive our sins and bring us into a right relationship with God.

Let's Grow

John would help people understand salvation and the forgiveness of sins. How would you explain to a friend why we need Jesus' forgiveness?

DAY 20 | DECEMBER 18

God Brings Light to Those in Darkness

When have you been glad to have a flashlight or night-light in the dark?

Read Luke 1:78–80

Have you ever felt comforted when a light came on in a dark room? Zechariah described God's coming rescue as a sunrise bringing light to people in darkness. Because of His tender mercy, God was sending Jesus to save us and guide us in the way to life. Jesus gives us hope we can hold on to, even when life feels dark or difficult.

Let's Grow

Zechariah described God's salvation as light shining in darkness. How does Jesus give us hope when we feel afraid or sad?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 21 | DECEMBER 19

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

What is a trip you remember taking with our family?

Read Luke 2:1–5

The ruler ordered people to travel to their family's hometown to be counted. Joseph went to Bethlehem, the town of King David, and Mary traveled with him while she was expecting Jesus. This journey was part of the story God was unfolding for His Son's birth. Even on busy days or when plans are difficult, we can remember to trust God and look to Him for help.

Let's Grow

Mary and Joseph's journey was part of the story of Jesus' birth. How can we remember God is with us when our plans change or life feels inconvenient?



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 20

PEACE

Instructions

Add the paper flame to the Peace Candle, read the following together, and give thanks to God!

Jesus came to make peace between us and God by giving His life for our sins. As we light the Peace candle, we remember that we can trust Him and bring our worries to Him.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 22 | DECEMBER 20

Jesus is Born

What would you do to help get ready for a new baby?

Read Luke 2:6–7

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born! Mary wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a manger—a feeding place for animals—because there was no room for them in the lodging place. God's Son had come into the world as a baby, in a simple and humble setting. This is the wonder of Christmas: God loved us and sent His Son to live among us and be our Savior.

Let's Grow

Jesus was laid in a manger instead of a royal bed.
What does His humble birth show us about the way God chose to come near to us?

DAY 23 | DECEMBER 21

The Shepherds Hear the Good News

What is the best news someone has ever shared with you?

Read Luke 2:8–12

Shepherds were watching their sheep at night when an angel appeared and God's glory shone around them. They were terrified, but the angel told them not to be afraid because he had good news of great joy. Jesus, the Savior, had been born in Bethlehem! This good news was for ordinary shepherds, and it is good news for our family, too.

Let's Grow

The angel announced that Jesus is the Savior, Christ, and Lord. Why is Jesus' birth good news for us?

DAILY FAMILY READINGS

DAY 24 | DECEMBER 22

The Angels Praise God

What is your favorite Christmas song, and why do you like it?

Read Luke 2:13–14

Suddenly, a great crowd of angels joined the first angel and praised God. The birth of Jesus was news worth celebrating! The angels gave glory to God and announced peace among those who receive His favor. Jesus came to bring us peace with God, giving us a wonderful reason to praise Him this Christmas.

Let's Grow

The angels praised God when Jesus was born.
How can we give God glory as we celebrate Christmas?

DAY 25 | DECEMBER 23

The Shepherds See Jesus and Share the News

When you discover something exciting, who do you want to tell?

Read Luke 2:15–17

After the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus lying in the manger, just as the angel had said. Then they shared the message they had heard about this child. When we learn the good news about Jesus, we can share it with others, too.

Let's Grow

After seeing Jesus, the shepherds shared what they had heard about Him. Who could our family tell about Jesus, and what would we share?

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 24

JESUS

Instructions

Add the paper flame to the Jesus Candle, read the following together, and give thanks to God!

Jesus is God's Son, the Light of the World, who came to live among us and be our Savior. As we light the Jesus candle, we thank God for sending His Son and ask Him to help our family trust and follow Jesus.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

DAY 26 | DECEMBER 24

The Shepherds Praise God

What is something you are thankful for this Christmas?

Read Luke 2:18–20

Everyone who heard the shepherds' news was amazed, and Mary treasured these things and thought about them. The shepherds returned to their sheep, praising God for all they had heard and seen. Their work was waiting for them, but now they had wonderful news to carry with them. As we finish Advent, we can keep remembering Jesus and praising God for sending our Savior.

Let's Grow

The shepherds returned praising God for what they had heard and seen. What have we learned about Jesus, and how can we praise Him today?



Keep pointing your family to Jesus

Keep reading God's Word, praying together, and helping your children see how faith shapes everyday life.

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