

While We Wait for Jesus

Advent Calendar

<p>Nov 27 Light First Purple Candle</p> <p>HOPE</p>	<p>Create an Advent Chain. On each strip of paper, write one reason you're thankful for Jesus.</p>	<p>Collect Christmas cards you receive. Pray for the senders, one each night, before dinner.</p>	<p>Sort through your toys (or buy new) and donate to a Gospel-focused donation center.</p>	<p>Decide as a family who you can bless this weekend and prepare ahead of time.</p>	<p>Consider what hope-filled Christmas songs you and your family can sing in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Play "Secret Santa" to someone in need of encouragement.</p>
<p>Dec 4 Light Two Purple Candles</p> <p>PEACE</p>	<p>Switch off phones, computers, and TV's, for one hour. Encourage reading, creating, etc.</p>	<p>Be a peacemaker today at school and at home.</p>	<p>Set up a manger scene, sharing the different types of peace Jesus offers us.</p>	<p>Pray for those who need to experience the ultimate peace of Christ: Salvation.</p>	<p>Turn on the Christmas tree lights in the dark and sing <i>Silent Night</i>.</p>	<p>Find a quiet place and just sit for a few minutes in silence.</p>
<p>Dec 11 Light Two Purple Candles and One Pink Candle</p> <p>JOY</p>	<p>Every time you turn on the Christmas tree lights say, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come!"</p>	<p>Turn on the tree lights and play a family game while munching on favorite snacks.</p>	<p>Who needs to be reminded of true Joy? Invite them for dinner or dessert this weekend.</p>	<p>Start a Christmas puzzle! Leave it out to work on at your leisure.</p>	<p>Show love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.</p>	<p>Watch a favorite Christmas movie together. Bring on the hot cocoa!</p>
<p>Dec 18 Light Three Purple Candles and One Pink Candle</p> <p>LOVE</p>	<p>Place water and snacks out for UPS and postal carriers.</p>	<p>Bake cookies and as you enjoy them, read Psalm 34:8 - "Taste and see that the LORD is good."</p>	<p>Donate food items to a local food pantry.</p>	<p>Be helpful at home, in these last days before Christmas.</p>	<p>Do a kind act for each member of my family.</p>	<p>Be fully present during your church candle lighting ceremony tonight.</p>
<p>Dec 25 Read Luke 2:1-20 as a family.</p> <p>Merry CHRISTmas!</p>						

