

Advent Resources for Families

Advent is a time in the church calendar when we can focus on the coming of Christ together as a church, and in our individual families. We have highlighted below a few ideas and resources for you to use with your families – for all ages and stages - so you can pick what interests you and will work for your own family dynamic.

The Promise and the Light: A Christmas Retelling by Katy Morgan Comprising of 25 chapters, this book can be used as a daily read throughout advent and is a great way to get into the minds of the characters of the Christmas story and see the narrative in an exciting new way. A gripping and enlightening new way to discover the birth of Christ.



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Behold the Lamb of God by Andrew Peterson – CD Each song takes you on a journey through the story of Jesus' birth, relaying the Christmas narrative through biblical lyrics and gentle music. Play in the car or around the house during advent as a way to meditate on the coming of the promised king.

Seek and Find: The First Christmas by Sarah Parker A fun way to look at the Christmas story with primary school children, seeking out different characters and items in each of the lovely illustrations within this hardback book. With 8 different scenes, families could explore once each Sunday of advent, and another throughout each week.



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God's Big Promises Advent Calendar and Family Devotion by Carl Laferton A bible centred advent calendar to open each day. Along with a 5 minute bible devotional for primary aged children giving a prayer, bible passage and something to think about together.

Advent Candle Lighting an advent candle together at a set time of the day during advent can bring focus for everyone at the same time. As the candle burns take time to engage with each other in a way which fits your family. Some examples to consider: Pray together for a different family member or friend. Learn a new name of Jesus each day (just search 'names of Jesus advent' online). Read a different nativity story book, or a bible passage of the Christmas story from the gospels. Listen to some carols or Christmas worship and think about the story the lyrics are telling. You might even like try a different idea each day.



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Bible Society Family Advent Box Including a Scratch-off poster with daily Bible readings, Conversation cards, Prayer triangles washing line, story booklet *Festive Fred Finds the Greatest Gift* and Activity card. This box contains a readymade advent adventure for families to enjoy together. Find out more and order at biblesociety.org.uk

Jesus Story Book Bible Advent Activity Guide If you love being creative with crafts, games, recipes and songs this is a great ready made activity guide for each day of advent ideal for all ages, with excerpts from the wonderful Jesus Storybook Bible. Dip in and out throughout advent, or use daily as your family needs and desires allow.



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Annies MiniBFF Podcast Hosted by author and podcaster Annie F Downes, this kids podcast released for each Sunday of advent, is a great way to engage with the season on a car journey or during a quiet time. There is also an adults podcast version—That sounds fun -to listen alongside.

A Better than Anything Christmas by Barbara Reaach A simple devotional for families with primary aged children, to Explore, Explain, Engage and Enter into the bible passages of the nativity together as a family each day throughout advent, or as suits your families needs.



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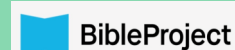
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YouVersion Bible App This app is full of daily devotional plans helping you to focus on Jesus. Search through the various advent plans to find one that fits for your family. We like the look of the BibleProject Advent reflections, Names of Jesus: advent, Waiting With Joy and The Songs Tell the Story.

Bible Project Advent Series - Video Christians have long observed the Advent season by meditating on peace, hope, joy, and love. Join together as a family to watch one video each week of advent and use it as a catalyst to discuss the topic and mediate on its theme during the week. bibleproject.com/explore/category/advent-series/

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