

2016 Advent Calendar:

Watch - Turn - See - Dream

Sunday Family Activity	Monday Prayer	Tuesday Prepare/Serve	Wednesday Car/Dinner Chat	Thursday Prepare	Friday Serve	Saturday Scripture	
11/27 Watch Set-up and talk about the Nativity scene or Crèche . Add the Holy Family on Christmas Eve.	11/28 Say a prayer for children in the world who are in need of homes, clothing, shelter, and a safe place to sleep.	11/29 Send a card to someone who is stationed overseas. Contact your local Red Cross office for info.	11/30 Wonder together about things you see in the world that make you sad.	12/1 Read <i>On the Way to Bethlehem</i> by Daphna Flegal or another favorite Christmas storybook.	12/2 Collect loose change to purchase a mosquito net to protect people from malaria.	12/3 Read Luke 1:24-38 and move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity/ Crèche.	
12/4 Turn As a family, make cookies or ornaments in the shape of Chrismons .	12/5 Say a prayer asking God to help you find ways to meet the needs of others.	12/6 Celebrate St. Nicholas Day! Do something nice for a family member or friend. Keep who did it a surprise!	12/7 Wonder together who you can share God's love with. How can you show that love? (Plan a time to do the activity.)	12/8 Clean out your toys. Sort them. Donate toys that you are too old to enjoy anymore to a community store or shelter.	12/9 Clean the yard of someone who is unable to clean it themselves.	12/10 Read Luke 1:39-55 and move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity/ Crèche.	
12/11 See As a family, help an older adult with decorating for Christmas.	12/12 Say a prayer for all the hungry people in the world.	12/13 Ask your pastor to connect you with a shelter for women and children. Make cards for the people who are staying in the shelter.	12/14 Wonder together about the true meaning of giving during dinner tonight.	12/15 Learn about children who are hungry in your community and explore how you can help .	12/16 Prepare a meal for someone who is shut in.	12/17 Read Luke 2:1-5 and move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity/ Crèche.	
12/18 Dream As a family, share one thing you would like to accomplish spiritually over the next year.	12/19 Write a prayer about hope, peace, joy, and love to pray through the rest of the season.	12/20 Do one thing to use your gifts and talents to bring hope, peace, joy, or love to another person.	12/21 Wonder together how you can use your gifts to serve God and others.	12/22 Look for an opportunity to share what you have learned during Advent with another person.	12/23 Do one thing to offer God's love to another person.	12/24 Peace Christmas Eve Read Luke 2:1-20 and move Mary and Joseph into the Nativity/ Crèche. Attend a Christmas Eve service together as a family.	
12/25 Word Christmas Day Light the Christ Candle in the family Advent wreath. Celebrate the birth of God's son - Jesus - Emmanuel - God with us!	12/26 Prepare for the 12 Days of Christmas .		 <p>MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN <small>GOD'S KINGDOM BELONGS TO PEOPLE LIKE THESE CHILDREN - LUKE 18:16B</small></p> <p>DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES <small>The United Methodist Church</small></p> <p><small>2016 Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church for use by Congregations, Districts, Annual Conferences, and Camp and Retreat Ministries</small></p>				
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