

# Easter Advent Activity

A simple, one-week family devotional to prepare for Easter.

Set aside 5-10 minutes every day of Holy Week to do these devotions as a family. Each devotion will include a picture to add to the cross, a candle lighting (optional), a brief reading, and time of prayer.



## Calendar:

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| Palm Sunday   | Creation                                                 |
| Monday        | Sin Enters the World                                     |
| Tuesday       | God Shows Mercy Through Noah                             |
| Wednesday     | Offerings Are Not Good Enough...God Gives Us a New Heart |
| Thursday      | God's Law                                                |
| Friday        | The Word Becomes Flesh (Jesus is Born)                   |
| Saturday      | Jesus Dies on the Cross                                  |
| Easter Sunday | EASTER! Resurrection...Jesus is Alive                    |

## Preparation:

- **Set a time and location to meet** (example: dining room table or living room). Having a routine will help you be more successful and consistent. If you miss a day, don't quit. Quickly cover the missed picture the next day.
- **Read each devotion at least once before reading with your family.** This will help you to read the devotion with more emotion and less hesitation with your family.
- **Cut out the cross and all 8 pictures.**
- **Gather 7 candles** (birthday candles, tea lights, or bath candles). This visual is optional, but can add a lot to your devotional experience. If you don't have candles, substitute flashlights.

### Symbolism of the Seven Candles:

- Light of the World - the Light that was God's glory and illuminated God for us—the Light that, in the end, seemed to have been darkened.
- As we move through the season preceding Easter, the candles are snuffed out one by one, until all are dark on Good Friday, when Jesus died, and the earth was covered with shadow. Darkness seemed to have won. The Light of the world had been extinguished; it was finished.
- But NO! Easter brings resurrection! Life! Return from death! The Light has won and all the candles burn as we praise Him—the Light of the world, the Bright Morning Star, the Glory of God!