



**FAMILY ADVENT
BOOKLET**

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:



Dear Families,

We are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a church community this season! Christmas is a truly special time, not only because of whom we celebrate (Christ our Savior), but also because of the joy of celebrating Him alongside those we love.

My prayer for your family is that you would have ample opportunity to enjoy this beautiful season and to intentionally reflect on Jesus with your loved ones. As parents and guardians, we understand your desire to bring an awareness of the true reason for Christmas into your home. With that in mind, we've created a special resource just for you: an Advent Guide! Each day offers a meaningful reflection and an engaging activity designed to help your family connect with the heart of Christmas.

I am personally praying that you will embrace and utilize this resource in your home. For a digital version of the Advent calendar and an instructional video on how to do Advent as a family, please scan the QR code below.

I continue to pray for you and your family as we approach and experience this blessed season together.

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DECEMBER 1ST

Activity:

Light a Candle & Pray Together: Begin Advent by lighting a candle (if you have an Advent wreath or just use a candle).

Pray together:

“God, help us remember Jesus is coming.” Share one thing each person is thankful for.

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given.

(Isaiah 9:6)



DECEMBER 2ND

Activity:

Christmas Story Night: Read the nativity story from Luke 2:1-20.

Act it out as a family (kids can play parts: Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, etc.).

Pray Together:

“God, thank you for sending your son Jesus to the world! He is the reason I am celebrating Christmas. Amen.”



DECEMBER 3RD

Activity:

Thank Someone Who Serves: Identify someone who serves—mail carrier, grocery clerk, teacher, City kids leader, police officer, janitor, etc.. Make a card or small gift to thank them.



DECEMBER 4TH

Activity:

Prayer Walk: Walk around your neighborhood praying for people, places, and things. Stop and pray for places that need hope (homes, schools, hospitals).



DECEMBER 5TH

Activity:

Christmas Movie Night: Watch a faith-based Christmas movie. Make pop popcorn or a favorite snack, turn off phones, enjoy time together. Then discuss what stood out.

DECEMBER 6TH

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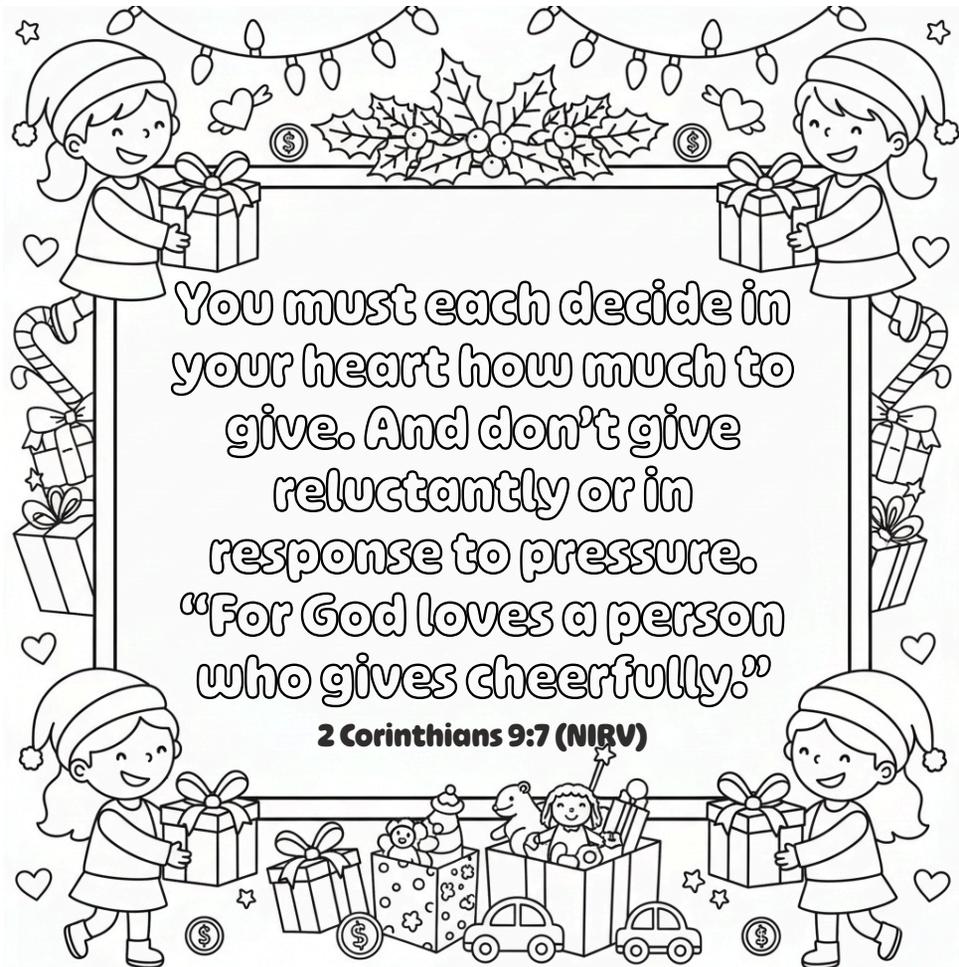
Prepare for Jesus: Clean and decorate your home together. As you do, talk about the idea of preparing your hearts as well as preparing your house.

DECEMBER 7TH

Activity:

Give to Others: Pick something you can donate (clothes, toys, canned food). As a family, go and drop it off at a local shelter or collection point.

Question to Discuss: How does it feel to receive a gift? How can giving others gifts show the love of Jesus to them?



DECEMBER 8TH

Activity:

Advent Affirmation (or Blessing) 'round

How to Play

Gather Together:

Have your family sit in a circle or facing each other.

Focus on One Person: Choose one person to start. Everyone else in the circle will take turns saying something they love or appreciate about that person, or a special hope/blessing they have for them.

Examples: "I love your silly jokes!" or "I appreciate how you always help set the table," or "I hope you have a wonderful Advent season filled with joy."

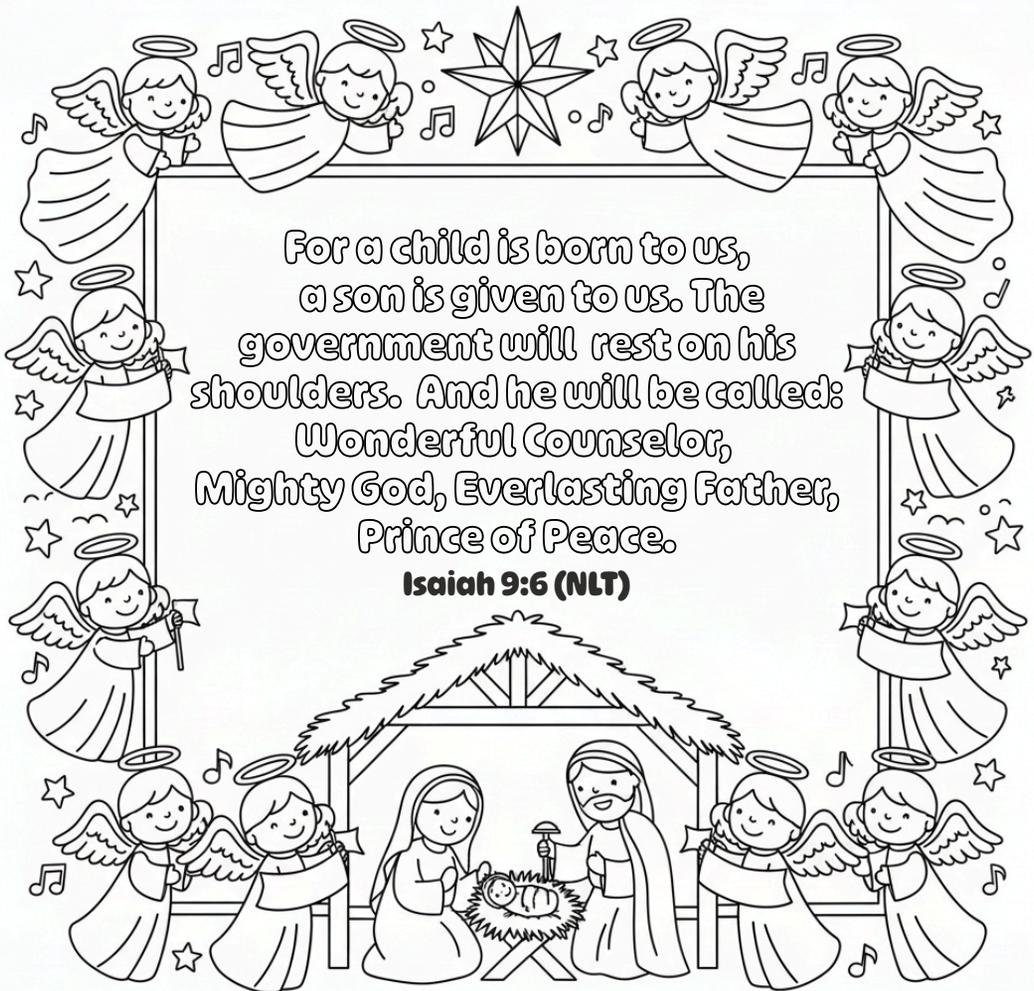
Rotate: Once everyone has shared an affirmation or blessing for the first person, move to the next person in the circle and repeat until everyone has received affirmations from the whole family.

Connect to Advent: After everyone has had a turn, you can talk about how good it feels to share love and hope with each other, just like God shared His love and hope with the world by sending Jesus. You can mention that Jesus came to bless us, and we can bless each other.

DECEMBER 9TH

Activity:

Scripture Memory: Learn a short Bible verse together (e.g. Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:23). Say it together and color the coloring page and put it up somewhere in the house.



DECEMBER 10TH

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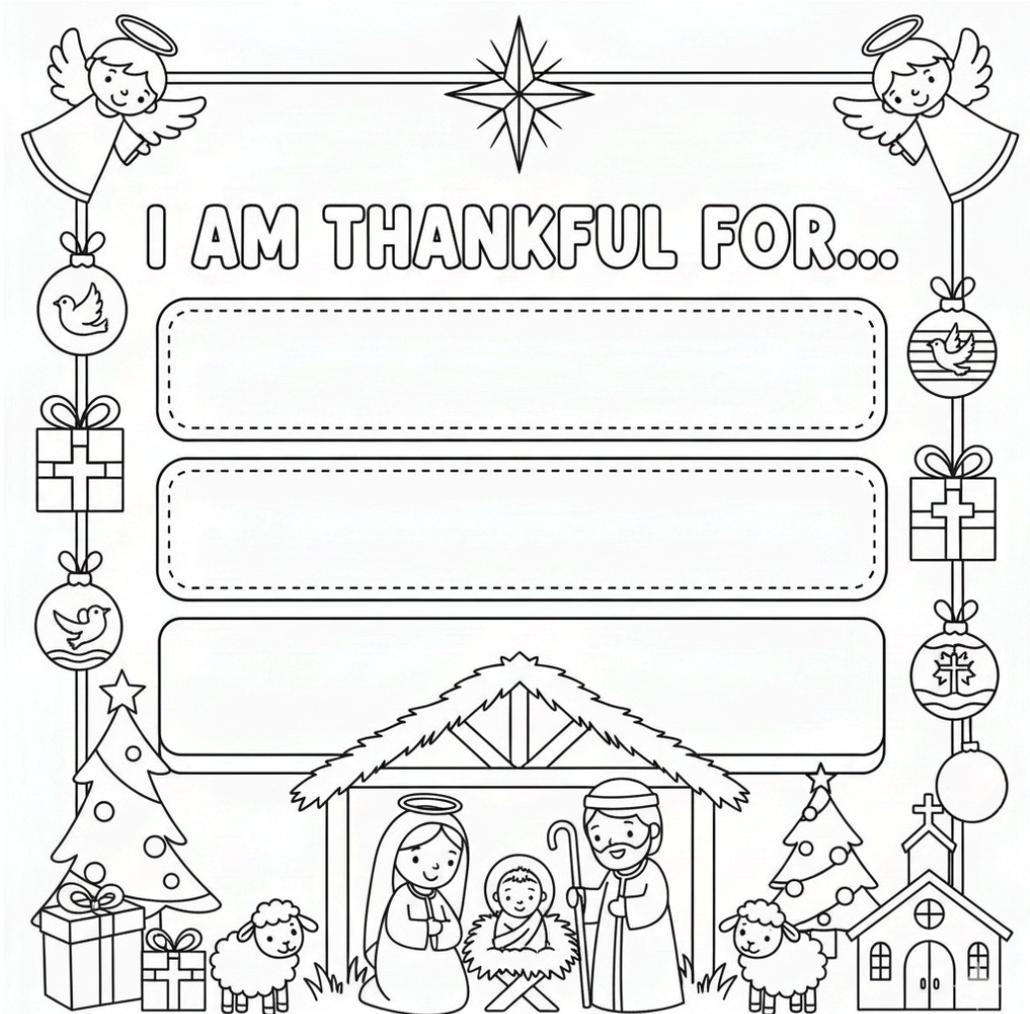
Help your kids write letters to Jesus: What do they wish to tell Him, ask Him, or thank Him for? Parents, feel free to also write. Read the letters together and pray.



DECEMBER 11TH

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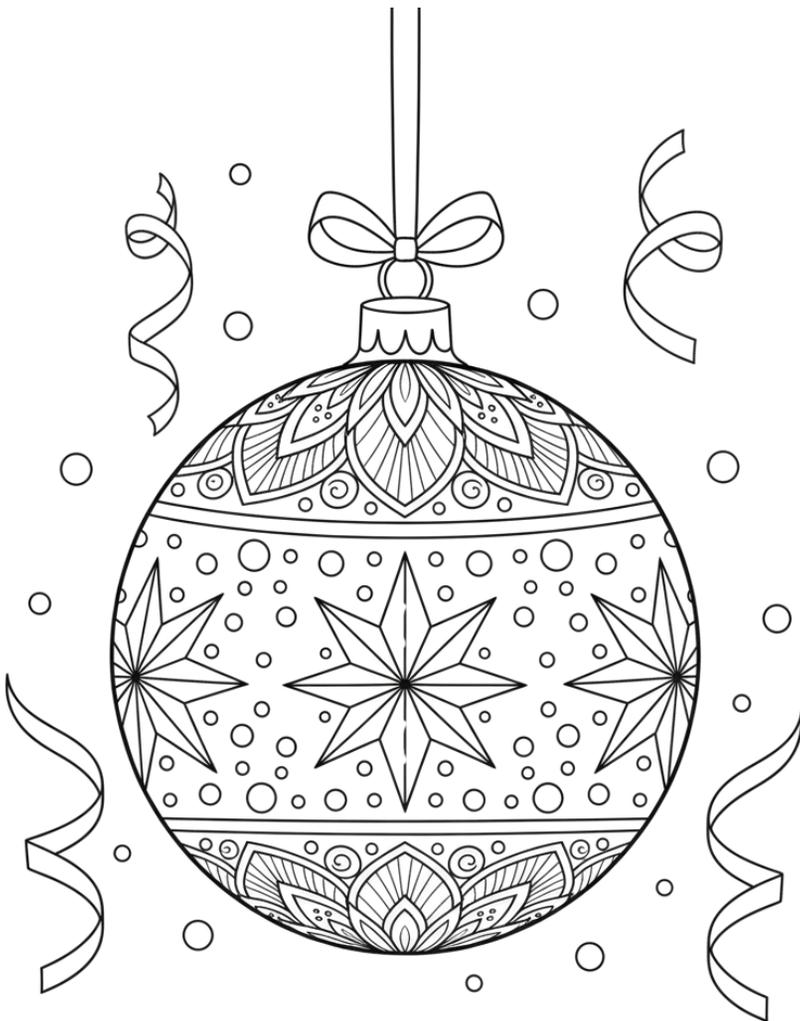
Joy & Gratitude Journal: Start a journal! Each child writes three things they are thankful for today!



DECEMBER 12TH

Activity:

Make Ornaments: Craft simple ornaments together (paper, felt, salt dough, etc.). On the ornament, write or draw one thing you hope for in Jesus. Alternative Option: Color this ornament color page!



DECEMBER 13TH

Activity:

The "Good News Story Chain"

This activity helps your family reflect on the Christmas story and its meaning.

How to Play

Gather together: Sit in a circle as a family.

Start the story: The first person begins to tell a piece of the Christmas story. For example, they might say, "Long, long ago, an angel appeared to Mary..."

Pass it on: The next person in the circle adds the next part of the story, like, "...and told her she would have a special baby named Jesus."

Keep it going: Continue around the circle, with each person adding one new sentence or phrase to the story.

Encourage them to include details from what they know about the birth of Jesus, the wise men, the shepherds, the star, etc.

If someone gets stuck, others can offer gentle hints.

Reflect: Once the story feels complete (or you've gone around several times), you can discuss the following questions:

- What part of the story is their favorite?
- What does "Jesus is the Light of the World" mean to them as they hear the story?
- What good news did this story bring to the world?

DECEMBER 14TH

Activity:

Christmas Baking & Sharing: Bake treats together. Then share with a neighbor, teacher, or church family.



DECEMBER 15TH

Activity:

Eat some Christmas cookies together and listen to Christian Christmas music. Talk about what the lyrics mean.

Pray together:

“God, help us remember Jesus is coming.” Share one thing each person is thankful for.



*Joy to the world,
the Lord is come!*

*Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and nature sing.*

DECEMBER 16TH

Activity:

Serve Someone: Do a small act of kindness: deliver cookies to a neighbor, help with yard work, or clean up a local park.

Pray together:

“Jesus, you showed us how to be kind and how to serve others, and I want to do the same. Thank you for helping me do that today. I pray that you would show your love to those I helped serve.”

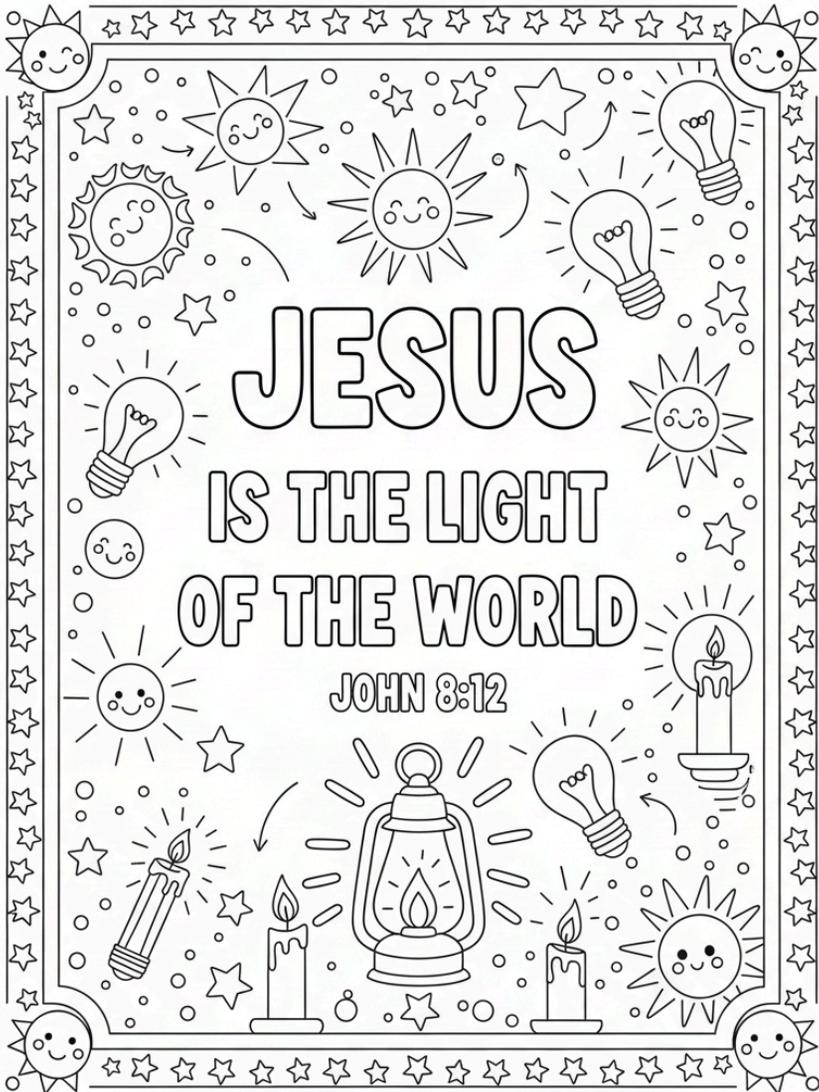
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Activity:

Open a Bible to John 8:12 and read together.

Ask, "What does this verse have to do with Christmas?"

Color the coloring page!



DECEMBER 18TH

Activity:

Family Worship Night: Have a mini-worship service in your living room: songs, Bible reading, prayer, maybe sharing what you think about Jesus' birth.

DECEMBER 19TH

Activity:

Watch the Stars / Stargaze: Go outside, look at the stars (weather permitting). Talk about the star in the nativity story, guidance, and promises. Pray under the night sky.

DECEMBER 20TH

Activity:

Christmas Light Tour / Drive: Go around your city to look at neighborhood Christmas lights. Pray for the homes, drivers, families you pass.

DECEMBER 21ST

Activity:

Read the parts of the nativity from Luke 2, then ask the question: How would you feel if you were there in the stable with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus?

DECEMBER 22ND

Activity:

Family Story Time: Have each person take turns telling a favorite memory from a past Christmas.

DECEMBER 23RD

Activity:

Story of John the Baptist & Prophets: Read prophetic Scriptures (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-6, 53:3-7, Micah 5:2, Zechariah 9:9) that point to Jesus' coming. Talk about how God kept promises!

DECEMBER 24TH

Activity:

Christmas Eve Service & Reflection: Attend your church's Christmas Eve service. Before bed, read the nativity together and pray, reflecting on what it means that Jesus came.

DECEMBER 25TH

Activity:

Celebrate! Jesus is Born: Celebrate with joy – open gifts, share a special Christmas breakfast, sing "Silent Night," read the nativity again, thank God for the gift of Jesus.

