



## Advent 2024

In an effort to partner with parents to make disciples, Briarcliff Kids is excited to equip you during the Advent season and provide materials for discipleship for you to use in your home. You are being provided with weekly family devotions that will hopefully set your entire family's heart towards the hope that is Jesus during this Christmas season.

### What?

- Advent is a 5 week season leading up to and including Christmas. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word "to arrive." It is the season of the church year when we prayerfully and joyfully await the arrival of Jesus, our Savior, into the world.
- 5 boxes that include a short family devotional, Bible reading, singing, an activity, and prayer.



### How?

- Get your Bible(s) out! Let your children hold the Bible while you read. Say out loud something like, "I'm turning to the New Testament. The first four books of the Bible are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Hmm, let's see where our reading is from today."
- Singing! This is a sweet opportunity to worship through song with your family
  - Maybe you're not great singers...look up the song (turn up the volume!) and sing along with the professional.
  - Maybe get some instruments out to get everyone involved (pots and pans and a wooden spoon work well!)
  - Use the QR code above to find a link to an Advent playlist (including all of the weekly songs)
- The activities will hopefully be fun for your family. There are additional 'Extension Activities' that you can also utilize. Find an activity that works best for your family!

### When?

- Schedule it! Put the days that you plan to do the Advent Box each week on your calendar with an alarm. The season gets hectic and it's helpful to have a reminder!
- This year Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st

### Why?

- We hope these weekly times for your family can help you and your family learn more about who God is through His Word and celebrate and keep your focus on the true meaning of Christmas--Jesus!

#### Week 1

Things you'll need (not included in box):

- Crayons/Markers
- Nativity Set\*

#### Week 2

Things you'll need (not included in box):

- Permanent Marker
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Charlie Brown Christmas DVD\*

#### Week 3

Things you'll need (not included in box):

- Scissors
- Stapler OR tape

#### Week 4

Things you'll need (not included in box):

- Scissors\*

#### Christmas Morning

Things you'll need (not included in box):

- Lighter