



Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest child light the first violet candle this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.</p>	<p>30 Set up the Nativity scene together. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>1 Make Christmas cookies together and decorate them with symbols of the Christmas season.</p>	<p>2 In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings your family received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>3 Set a timer or other reminder to help you gather for family prayer every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p>	<p>4 Have a family story night and reread your favorite Christmas storybooks over cookies and milk.</p>	<p>5 Make a "manger" from a box and "straw" from pieces of paper. Put "straws" in the manger when you each perform good deeds and make it comfortable for Jesus.</p>
<p>6 Have the oldest child light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.</p>	<p>7 Perform at least one generous act of love in honor of St. Nicholas. Try to do it without letting the other person know!</p>	<p>8 The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend or stream Mass and pray a family Rosary.</p>	<p>9 Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and His Mother.</p>	<p>10 Read about the legend behind the poinsettia, then make a bouquet from felt or construction paper and pipe cleaners.</p>	<p>11 Put up your Christmas tree, add the lights, but wait to place ornaments. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.</p>	<p>12 To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and encourage each person to pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>
<p>13 Gaudete Sunday - Joy! Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18 and sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" together.</p>	<p>14 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it at dinner together.</p>	<p>15 Draw names and write a love note to a family member. Put it in their stocking on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>16 Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.</p>	<p>17 Learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas. Pick a tradition you like and add it to your usual festivities.</p>	<p>18 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>19 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p>
<p>20 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, Luke 13:9-45.</p>	<p>21 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus - a star, a lamb, a manger, a baby, a cross, for example. Light it during Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>22 Cut out star-shaped ornaments and decorate with glitter on one side and your favorite Bible verse on the other. Hang them on the tree.</p>	<p>23 Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>24 Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all the gifts you received throughout the year.</p>	<p>25 Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 21-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.</p>	