

Advent Adventure

IMMANUEL - GOD WITH US

AT HOME WITH GOD

Fourth Week of Advent

Immanuel - God With Us In The World

Getting started

Everything you need for your Advent Adventure is here. Grab *a Bible (or a storybook Bible if you'd prefer)*, and *print a copy* of this for those you'll be using it with. *Lighting a candle on an Advent ring or opening the doors to your Advent calendar* also make for fun traditions to go alongside these readings.

Sunday 18th December

→ Light all 4 candles.

Read: Luke 2 v13-20

Pray: Dear Lord Jesus,

Please help us to be
like the shepherds.
To go out and tell
other people about you.
Amen.



Say together:

*Our eyes will see your creation,
Our ears will hear your voice,
Our hands will feel the things you've made,
Our noses will smell your world!
Our mouths will tell of your goodness and greatness.*

Monday 19th December

David the songwriter

→ Light the Advent candle.

Read: Psalm 24

Ask: *When David looked at God's world he saw how special it was. What part of God's world do you want to thank God for today?*

Pray: Dear God,

You have made so many
wonderful things.
We want to thank you today
for _____ .
Amen.

→ Open the Advent calendar door.

Tuesday 20th December

Jesus' family history

→ Light the Advent candle.

Read: Look together at a Bible and pick out the names of Jesus' ancestors:
Luke 3 v23, 31, 32, 34, 36, 38



Say: *Jesus had some well-known people in his family history. Over Advent we have read some stories about Jesus' ancestors.*

Pray: Pray today for your relatives:
grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.
Ask God to be with them.

→ Open the Advent calendar door.

Wednesday 21st December

Joseph's dream

→ Light the Advent candle.

(If you have a crib scene you could use the different figures as a focus for your prayer time over the next few days.)

Read: Matthew 1 v18-21, 24-25 (or read about Joseph in a Bible story book)

Pray: Dear God,

Sometimes we don't want
to do what is right.
Please help us to be like Joseph,
and do what's right,
even when it's difficult.
Amen.

→ Open the Advent calendar door.

Thursday 22nd December

Mary is told about Jesus' birth

→ Light the Advent candle.

Read: Luke 1 v26-38



Pray: Dear God,

We thank you for the angel Gabriel
who came to visit Mary.
Thank you that your angels
guard us, help us and protect us.
Amen.

Read: Matthew 18 v10, which tells you about your own special angel.

→ Open the Advent calendar door.

Friday 23rd December

Joseph and Mary arrive in Bethlehem

→ Light the Advent candle.

Read: Luke 2 v1-5

Pray: Dear Lord,

So many people will be travelling
over this Christmastime.
Please keep them safe,
(especially _____). Amen.

→ Open the Advent calendar door.

Saturday 24th December

Listen to: 'The Angels Knew' – find it on the 'Worship for Everyone' YouTube channel.



Sunday 25th December

Jesus is born!

→ Light all 4 candles.

Read: Luke 2 v6-7

Pray: Thank you, Lord Jesus,
that you were born today.
Please help us to have
a happy time together
as we celebrate your birthday! Amen.

Monday 26th December

The shepherds came to worship

(If you have a crib scene you could collect them and use them today)

Read: Luke 2 v8-20

Ask: *What do we want to thank God for about our church?*

Pray: Dear God,
The shepherds came to worship
Jesus in the stable.
We come to worship him
in our church.
We thank you for our church,
especially for _____. Amen.

Tuesday 27th December

The wise men travel a long way

Read: Matthew 2 v1-8

Pray: God our Father,



We are sad that King Herod
was not a good man and
that he wanted to kill Jesus.
We pray for our Queen and government:
help them to be good people
and to follow your laws.
Amen.

Wednesday 28th December

You may want to find some pens and paper to write down your 'GOLD' prayer.

The wise men worship Jesus

Read: Matthew 2 v9-12

Pray: *Think of 4 things you want to thank God
for beginning with the letters G O L D.*

Dear God,
We thank you for

G _____
O _____
L _____
D _____

You shower so many good things on us.
Thank you! Amen.

Thursday 29th December

The family escapes from King Herod

Ask: What are you frightened of?

Read: Matthew 2 v13-15



Pray: Dear Lord God,

It must have been frightening
escaping from King Herod.
We are frightened of many things
please help us to remember
that you are always with us.
Amen.

Friday 30th December

They come home to Nazareth

Read: Matthew 2:19-23

Ask: *Think of something you really like about your home.*

Pray: Thank you God,
for our home,
especially _____
We want you to be here
in our home
next year.
Amen.

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