



*Advent Activities
for your family*



ADVENT 2020



INTRODUCTION

Advent is a time of anticipation for the birth of Jesus. And we know that between work, school, stresses from the pandemic, and trying to prep to maintain some normal elements of our holiday celebrations, that it can be a challenge to keep focused on the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

The below activities are suggestions to spark some conversations and enhance your anticipation during this Advent season. Feel free to use these suggestions as they are, or customize them to fit your family.

Use Christmas Cards as Prayer Reminders

As Christmas cards arrive during December, place them in a basket in a noticeable area. Once a day, pull out one card and pray for that person or family together. Keep the Christmas card basket out all year and pray regularly for other families.

You may want to write the person a note signed by your family that says, “We prayed for you today.”

The Names of Jesus - Weekly Video Devotional

Watch the “Names of Jesus” video devotionals, released every Monday leading to Christmas, starting November 30th, after the first Sunday of Advent. Discuss as a family what from the short video stood out or that you’d like to learn more about. Available at the NAC USA YouTube channel and in the NAC USA mobile app.

Conversation Starters

Consider printing these prompts out and cutting them into strips to use at Christmas dinner, or any time throughout the month.

What's your favorite thing about the person sitting next to you?

What do you think is God's favorite thing about you?

What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

What's your favorite kind of surprise?

What's your favorite Christmas song and why?

If you could spend the day with Jesus, what would you ask him?

If you were in charge of Christmas, what's one thing you would change about it? Why?

What's the most fun you've ever had with your family during Advent or the days leading up to Christmas?

What's one Christmas tradition you never want to give up?

If you could be any animal in the stable when Jesus was born, which animal would you be? Why?

If you could trade places with anyone in your family, who would it be and why?

Describe Jesus in three words.

What do you think Jesus' favorite game would be?

What do you like that God made and why?

What do you love about Jesus and why?

What in this room reminds you of Jesus?

Where's your favorite place to talk with Jesus?

What gift do you think Jesus would ask for on his birthday? Why?

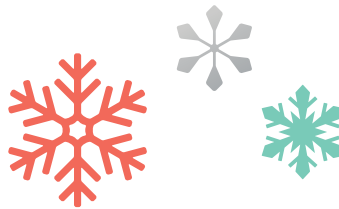
What flavor of birthday cake do you think is Jesus' favorite?

At Christmas, what kinds of things take your attention away from Jesus?

What are ways we can stay focused on Jesus this Christmas?

What's your favorite Christmas food?

What's your favorite Christmas movie and why?



Prayer Prompts

Consider printing these prompts out and cutting them into strips to use at Christmas dinner, or any time throughout the month.

**Close your eyes and say the name of the first person you think of.
Once everyone has said a name, pray together for those people.**

Write all your names on a separate slip of paper. Throw them into a bowl and have each person draw a name out. Say a prayer for that person either silently or out loud.

What are you most thankful for today? Share and say a prayer of thanksgiving for it!

What are you worried about today? Take turns sharing and then ask God to help calm your worries.

Pray for those who are homeless during this Christmas season.

Have each person name someone they're thankful for. Take a moment to say prayers for each of those people.

Name a bunch of your neighbors. Pray for them.

Name a bunch of your classmates and friends. Pray for them.

Pray for someone who is hurting or sad.

Who can you help this week? Pray for God to show you how.

What's your favorite thing about God? Tell him.

Share three things you're thankful for and thank God.

Ask God to protect those traveling this Christmas season.

Grab a ball or wad up a piece of paper. Take turns throwing it to each other and be sure to thank God for the person you throw it to.

Zoom around the room and tell each person why you're thankful for them.

What is your favorite thing to celebrate? Thank God for that thing!

What went super-well today? Tell God about it!

Thank God for a new friend you've made.

Thank God for someone who is older than you.

Thank God for someone who is smaller than you.

Think about your favorite present you've ever gotten. Thank God for it and the person who gave it to you.

Ask each person "What could we pray about for you?" And then pray for them.

In just 10 seconds each, name five people you'd like to pray for. Then pray for them.

Point to your favorite thing in the room...thank God for it!