Advent Calendar

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

PROBLEM: REJECTION

What are some examples of rebellion or sin in vour own life? How have you experienced the consequences of rebellion/sin?



READ GENESIS 3:15

How does it make you feel to know that God had a plan for redemption even when Adam and Eve

PRAISE

• O Come, O Come Emmanuel

• Come Long **Expected Jesus**

materialism and the pursuit of gifts. But the greatest gift is "Emmanuel," which means "God with us." Start and keep an ongoing list of all the gifts His presence brings to your life (and to the world).

Christmas is often

associated with

Jesus showed up to connect us to God. How can you show up throughout this Advent season to be a blessing to others? Make a list of people that God might want you to connect with this Advent. Be intentional to follow through.

8 PRACTICE

Write down something you said or did that you are sorry for. If you feel comfortable, share with someone else. Ask God for His forgiveness and for help to change.



"THE GARDEN"

READ GENESIS 3

"THE TEMPLE" **READ HEBREWS 9:1-10**

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"THE STABLE" **READ LUKE 2:1-18**

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PROBLEM:

SEPARATION

PROBLEM: **RELIGION**

Before Jesus, connecting to God involved a lot of rules. What negative experiences have you had with religion and/or rituals?

How can we emphasize the

importance of getting

separation from God?

acknowledging our

closer to Jesus today by



PROMISE:

What does it

INCARNATION

mean to you that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?"



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PROMISE:

RELATIONSHIP

mean to you?

READ LUKE 2:10-12

What do the angel's

words in Luke 2:10-12

Angels Sing

• O Come All Ye Faithful



PRAISE

- What Child is this?
- O Little Town of Bethlehem



PRAYER

His promise to send Jesus

to redeem us. Invite Him to

troubling you, your family,

enter a situation that is

desperately needs hope.

or someone who has

rejected God and

Thank God for

Express your gratitude to God in prayer, thanking Him for coming to earth.

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PRAYER

Thank God for the gift of Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be more like Jesus in your interactions with loved ones and strangers.

PRACTICE

Jesus showed up for us. Plan a way you can show up for someone who needs encouragement or love this weekend and invite them to attend Christmas Eve service.

PRACTICE

Jesus left the glory of heaven and entered the dark world to be with us. Enter a place that might be outside your comfort zone this week, so that you can connect with others. Consider serving one of our Twelve-mile bridge partners or reaching out to someone you have a strained relationship with.

23 CHRISTMAS E **SERVICES** 4:00pm and 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE



9:00am, 10:30am, and 1:00pm

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PROBLEM: SOLVED!! REJOICE!

Joy can only be experienced when you accept the precious gift of a relationship with Jesus. Have you accepted this gift? While many material gifts will be exchanged today, be sure to rememberthe true reason for your joy - and intentionally pause to thank God for His indescribable gift!



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Use this calendar with your Small Group, family, or on your own. Feel free to adjust, to fit your situation.



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Review the calendar and plan ahead.

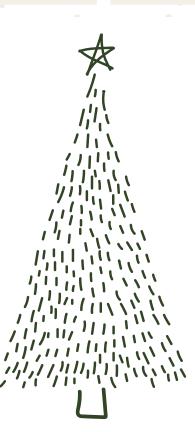
Some days might require advance planning - feel free to rearrange activities in the week, according to your schedule!



Each day you'll find a simple devotional question, prayer prompt, or song to focus on. If you are doing this with your Small Group, encourage group members to do this on their own during the week, and then go through each of the prompts when your group meets.



Send us some photos of your small group or family gathering together to complete the Advent calendar. Email photos to smallgroups@thechapel.org - We love seeing your pictures!



ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

1

Make an Advent candy jar and keep it alongside your calendar.

Enjoy a sweet treat after you've completed the day's activity.



2

Light a candle or Advent wreath before you begin each activity.



3

Take a drive to deliver a gift to someone. Notice how many manger scenes you see in front of businesses and homes. 4

Think of 1 or 2 people who might need some extra joy this season. As a family or Small Group, choose a few Christmas songs to sing and go caroling at their homes. Afterwards, enjoy a meal together.



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Gather around a Nativity set and read the Christmas story from Luke 2.