


# Advent Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					<p>Christmas is often associated with 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).</p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>2</b></p>
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**"THE GARDEN"**  
READ GENESIS 3

**4 PROBLEM: REJECTION**

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




**5 PROMISE: HOPE**




**READ GENESIS 3:15**  
How does it make you feel to know that God had a plan for redemption even when Adam and Eve sinned?

**6 PRAISE**




- [O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#)
- [Come Long Expected Jesus](#)

**7 PRAYER**



Thank God for His promise to send Jesus to redeem us. Invite Him to enter a situation that is troubling you, your family, or someone who has rejected God and desperately needs hope.

**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.


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

**11 PROBLEM: RELIGION**




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

**12 PROMISE: INCARNATION**




**READ JOHN 1:14**  
What does it mean to you that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?"

**13 PRAISE**




- [Hark! The Herald Angels Sing](#)
- [O Come All Ye Faithful](#)

**14 PRAYER**



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

**15 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.

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

**18 PROBLEM: SEPARATION**



How can we emphasize the importance of getting closer to Jesus today by acknowledging our separation from God?

**19 PROMISE: RELATIONSHIP**

**READ LUKE 2:10-12**

What do the angel's words in Luke 2:10-12 mean to you?

**20 PRAISE**



- [What Child is this?](#)
- [O Little Town of Bethlehem](#)

**21 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.

**22 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 EVE SERVICES**

4:00pm and 5:30pm




**24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**



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

**25 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 remember the true reason for your joy – and intentionally pause to thank God for His indescribable gift!



EMMANUEL  
GOD WITH US

# Instructions

**1**

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

**2**

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.



**3**

Review the calendar and plan ahead.  
Some days might require advance planning - feel free to rearrange activities in the week, according to your schedule!



**4**

Send us some photos of your small group or family gathering together to complete the Advent calendar. Email photos to [smallgroups@thechapel.org](mailto: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.



**5**

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

