

# Family Advent Adventure Week 1

## Scripture and Devotion

Read the following Scriptures aloud as a family:

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:6

New Testament: Luke 1:35-36

How do Christmas trees help tell the story of Jesus and Christmas?

Whether our trees are real or artificial, the evergreen is almost always chosen as the Christmas tree

Evergreens are just that—ever green. Even in the winter, they remain green. The color green represents new life and the needles always point toward heaven. The branches on the tree reach out reminding us of the arms of Jesus and His love for us. The evergreen tree is a symbol of our everlasting life with Jesus, so it is a perfect tree for Christmas! And we know His love is always real and alive!

When you decorate your tree this year, imagine that the branches are the arms of Jesus reaching out to love you! Then think about how you and your family can reach out to others to share the love of Jesus with them!

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for Advent and for Christmas. Thank you for this time when we can focus on Jesus and His love. Please help our hearts be open this season so we can grow to know, love and serve you more deeply each and every day. Help us to share your love with all people. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

## Random Acts of Kindness

- ♥ Give a friend a compliment
- ♥ Make a card for a community helper
- ♥ Pick up litter in your neighborhood
- ♥ Make an ornament for your teacher
- ♥ Do an extra chore without being asked

## Family Fun

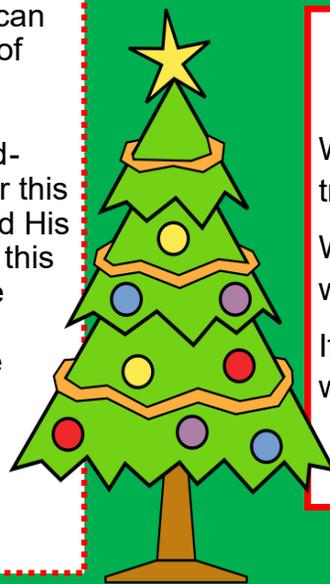
As a family plan a slumber party under the Christmas tree. Put out some sleeping bags or bedding of some sort and enjoy some family time under your Christmas tree. You might even want to prepare some hot cocoa and cookies to enjoy. As you enjoy your slumber party take turns sharing your favorite Christmas memories. Or talk about the things your family would like to do to celebrate Christmas this year. Finish by reading a Christmas story or singing one of your favorite Christmas songs. And be sure to capture the moment with a family photo.

## In the Car or Around the Table

What are your favorite Christmas traditions?

What do you think the first Christmas was like?

If someone asked you to tell them what Christmas was all about, what would you say?



**Come Support the Children's Choir!!  
The Band of Shepherds  
Tonight at 6pm in the Sanctuary**