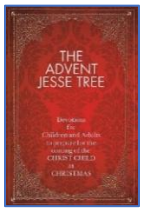
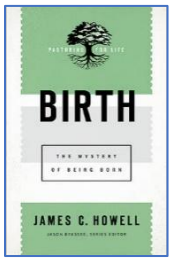



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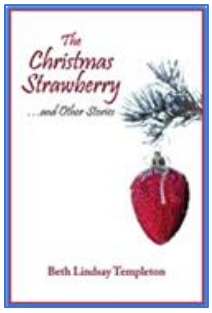



**ADVENT JESSE TREE (814054)** Author: Lambert, Dean Meador. Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for the Coming of the Christ Child at Christmas. Designed as a 25-day devotional guide, this book includes a short devotion each day for both children and adults. Suggestions for making an Advent Jesse Tree with ornaments is included. 96 Pages.



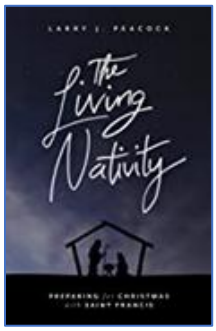

**BIRTH: THE MYSTERY OF BEING BORN (821055)** Author: Howell, James C. This book explores the connections between our own birth, the experience of having children, and the new birth of the Christian life. Seasoned pastor James Howell offers theological perspectives on a variety of themes associated with birth, such as who we are in light of having once lived in utero, why people might have children, infertility, adoption, baptism, and how to make sense of it all in light of God coming to us first in Mary's womb and then as an infant. Chapters: In my mother's womb; My birthday; Unchosenness and being chosen; **Mary, mother of our Lord**; **The birth of Jesus**; **Jesus's first days**; Why have children?; Having children; The first days after birth; Infertility and medicine; When medicine fails; Adoption; Remember your baptism; You must be born again. Includes Scripture, subject, and name index. Part of the 'Pastoring for Life: Theological Wisdom for Ministering Well' series. 194 Pages.

**CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL (806246)** Author: Scholl, Travis. With A Four-Week Bible Study for Advent. This spiral-bound book includes the original text of 'A Christmas Carol' complemented by a discussion guide for Christian individuals or groups. Intertwined throughout the story and the guide are the themes of hope, redemption, transformation, the work of the Spirit, and the Christian life. Session titles: Who Am I?; How Did I Get Here?; What Am I Doing?; Where Am I Going? Up to three copies available. 117 Pages.

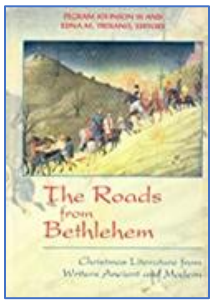



**CHRISTMAS STRAWBERRY AND OTHER STORIES (819162)** Author: Templeton, Beth Lindsay. This collection of stories and poems reflects on the inherent contrasts of Advent and Christmas: joy and sorrow, traditions and just getting through, religious emphases and secular aspects, loneliness and love, wealth and poverty. Some people live more on one side than the other but in reaching out, all our lives are enriched. The author is founder and CEO of 'Our Eyes Were Opened, Inc.' whose mission is to enlarge understanding in order to decrease judgment and increase compassion. Larger than average print. 113 Pages.

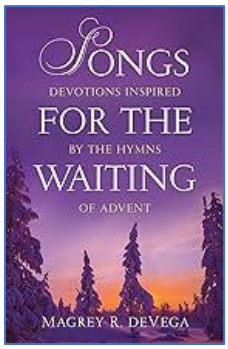
**EVERLASTING LIGHT: A RESOURCE FOR ADVENT WORSHIP (807224)** Author: Dixon, Sandy. A collection of worship resources for each Sunday in all three cycles of the Revised Common Lectionary. Also includes Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Sunday services. 82 Pages.



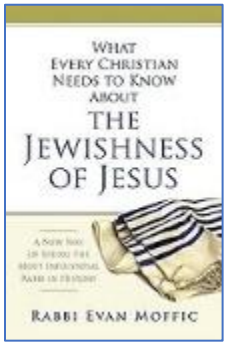

**LIVING NATIVITY: PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH SAINT FRANCIS (818194)** Author: Peacock, Larry. This book, which explores the creation of the Christmas creche or nativity scene by Saint Francis of Assisi, incorporates daily readings and weekend activities to enhance the season for families, individuals, or study groups. Includes a leader's guide for a five-week study. 112 Pages.




**ROADS FROM BETHLEHEM (824557)** Author: Johnson, Pegram and Troiano, Edna, editors. Christmas Literature from Writers Ancient and Modern. Chapter titles: Scripture and early traditions; The Middle Ages--from liturgy to literature; The Renaissance--visions individual and communal; The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries--the age of sentiment; The Twentieth Century--the age of anxiety. 318 Pages.




**SONGS FOR THE WAITING: DEVOTIONS INSPIRED BY THE HYMNS OF ADVENT (816212)** Author: deVega, Magrey. Each of the twenty-eight devotions in this collection are based on a portion of an Advent hymn and include a text of Scripture, a prayer, and questions for reflection or discussion. 102 Pages.




**WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE JEWISHNESS OF JESUS (816008)** Author: Moffic, Evan. A New Way of Seeing the Most Influential Rabbi in History. Chapters: A humble birth; An unexpected turn; Entering the waters; Surviving a wilderness of temptations; Calling the disciples; Do you believe in miracles?; Finding honey on the page; The Shema; The Lord's Prayer; The last days; Five rabbis explain Jesus. 203 Pages.