

PARTICIPATE AS A FAMILY

Moving from a culture overrun with consumerism to a mindset focused on Jesus takes intentional practice at every age. What if parents and kids joined forces to focus on what Jesus would care about? Here are some ways your family can engage with Advent Conspiracy this year to make generosity part of your everyday family rhythm.

KICK OFF A SEASON OF GENEROSITY IN YOUR HOME

- Model it. Kids are watching, and they will copy what you do.
- Talk about it. Point out generosity as you see it. Talk about ways your family gives (that kids may not know about). Point back to how our generosity comes from God.
- Practice it together. Kids need to participate in giving to make it meaningful. See one idea below.

TRY SOMETHING THIS YEAR—MAKE A GIVING JAR

Here's an effective visual for kids and adults alike to put Advent Conspiracy into practice. It's just what it sounds like. A jar that can help your family start conversations about giving, spending less, and praying for those who will receive your gift.

What you'll need: An empty jar set out in a visible place in your home

How a Giving Jar works:

1. Look at the Advent Conspiracy list of projects and organizations as a family. Narrow in on something that has meaning to those in your home and spend some time learning by watching the organization's interview video and checking out their website.
2. Talk about specific ways your family can put Advent Conspiracy into practice. How will you spend less and give more? What might that look like for your unique family makeup?
3. Add to the jar. Over the course of Advent Conspiracy, add to your family offering each time someone intentionally takes less. Remember, being generous isn't always about money. Being generous with your time is an offering of its own. A kind act for someone else is a gift unto itself. Write this down on a piece of paper and add it to your jar.

Need some ideas? Try one of the following and put the money you would have spent into your jar.

- *Buy one less stocking stuffer*
- *Do extra jobs around your home or for a neighbor to earn money to give*
- *Make a gift this year instead of buying one*
- *Eat in rather than getting take-out one fewer time*
- *Ask a loved one if, instead of buying you a gift, they could give that amount to Advent Conspiracy*

4. Collect whatever your family has put together and pray over your offering. Add up what you collected and as a family give online or by check. To give by check, please write "Advent" in the memo line and drop in the offering boxes at your site or mail to: **Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton, WI 53562.**

5. Work together. Have fun. Be creative. Thank God. Give with joy!