

Christmas Countdown

Kids Advent Reading Plan



Christmas is when we celebrate that Jesus was born and what that means for us and the entire world. When we look at God's big story, we see that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus, His son, into our world to rescue us. What a celebration!

Count down to Christmas Day using the daily reading plan below. You can read directly from your Bible or from the *Jesus Storybook Bible* (JSB). Or both! After each day's reading, cut out the image for that day from the image page (p. 3) and then glue or tape it on the tree page (p. 2).

Head to Blackhawk.church/kids to print additional copies for your family or friends.

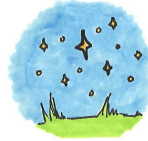
 DECEMBER 1 JESUS IS OUR HOPE Memorize John 3:16 - OR - Memorize "God gave us Jesus!"	 DECEMBER 2 THE BIBLE IS A LOVE STORY Read Hebrews 1:1-2 - OR - "The Story and The Song" in JSB (p 12-17)	 DECEMBER 3 THE STORY BEGINS Read Genesis 1:1-27 - OR - "The Beginning" in JSB (p 18-27)	 DECEMBER 4 IT'S NO LONGER PERFECT Read Genesis 3:1-13 and 3:22-23 - OR - "The Terrible Lie" in JSB (p 28-37)	 DECEMBER 5 GOD MADE A PROMISE Read Genesis 12:1-7 and 15:1-6 - OR - "Son of Laughter" in JSB (p 56-61)
 DECEMBER 6 A TIME TO FORGIVE Read Genesis 50:15-24 - OR - "The Forgiving Prince" in JSB (p 76-83)	 DECEMBER 7 JESUS IS OUR PEACE Memorize Isaiah 9:6 - OR - Memorize "Jesus was born for us."	 DECEMBER 8 NO ONE IS PERFECT Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12 - OR - "Ten Ways to be Perfect" in JSP (p 100-107)	 DECEMBER 9 GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART Read Samuel 16:1-13 - OR - "The Teeny Weenie...True King" in JSP (p 116-121)	 DECEMBER 10 WE HAVE A GOOD SHEPHERD Read Psalm 23 and John 10:7-11 - OR - "The Good Shepherd" in JSP (p 130-135)
 DECEMBER 11 GOD TO THE RESCUE Read Isaiah 9:6-7 - OR - "Operation No More Tears" in JSP (p 144-147)	 DECEMBER 12 A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS THAT NEVER GOES OUT Read Isaiah 9:2-3 and 40:1-11 - OR - "Operation No More Tears" in JSP (p 148-151)	 DECEMBER 13 STOP RUNNING FROM GOD Read Jonah chapters 1 and 2 - OR - "God's Messenger" in JSP (p 160-165)	 DECEMBER 14 JESUS IS OUR JOY Memorize Luke 2:10 - OR - Memorize "Jesus is the good news!"	 DECEMBER 15 GOD'S MESSENGER Read Jonah 3:1-3 and Hebrews 1:1-2 - OR - "God's Messenger" in JSB (p 166-169)
 DECEMBER 16 JESUS IS ALMOST HERE Read Micah 5:2-5 - OR - "Get Ready" in JSB (p 170-173)	 DECEMBER 17 PREPARE THE WAY Read Mark 1:1-8 - OR - "Get Ready" in JSB (p 174-175)	 DECEMBER 18 A MESSAGE FROM GOD Read Luke 1:26-38 - OR - "He's Here" in JSB (p 176-179)	 DECEMBER 19 GOD WITH US Read Luke 2:1-7 and Matthew 1:23 - OR - "He's Here" in JSB (p 180-183)	 DECEMBER 20 GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE Read Luke 2:8-12 - OR - "Light of the World" in JSB (p 184-187)
 DECEMBER 21 JESUS IS LOVE Memorize 1 John 4:9 - OR - Memorize "God loves us!"	 DECEMBER 22 ANGELS SING FOR JOY Read Luke 2:13-15 - OR - "Light of the World" in JSB (p 188-189)	 DECEMBER 23 SEE FOR YOURSELF Read Luke 2:16-20 - OR - "Light of the World" in JSB (p 190-191)	 DECEMBER 24 A NEW KING Read Matthew 2:1-12 - OR - "King of Kings" in JSB (p 192-199)	 DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Retell the story of Jesus in your own words! Say John 3:16



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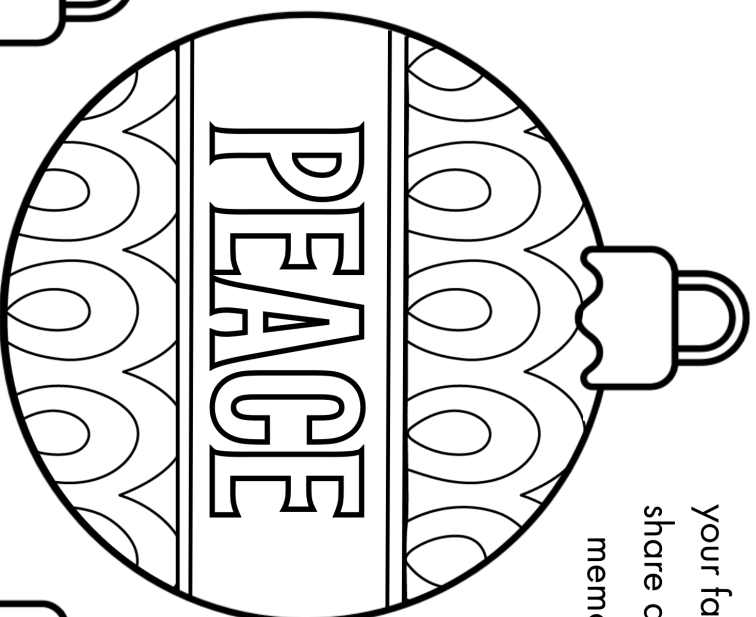
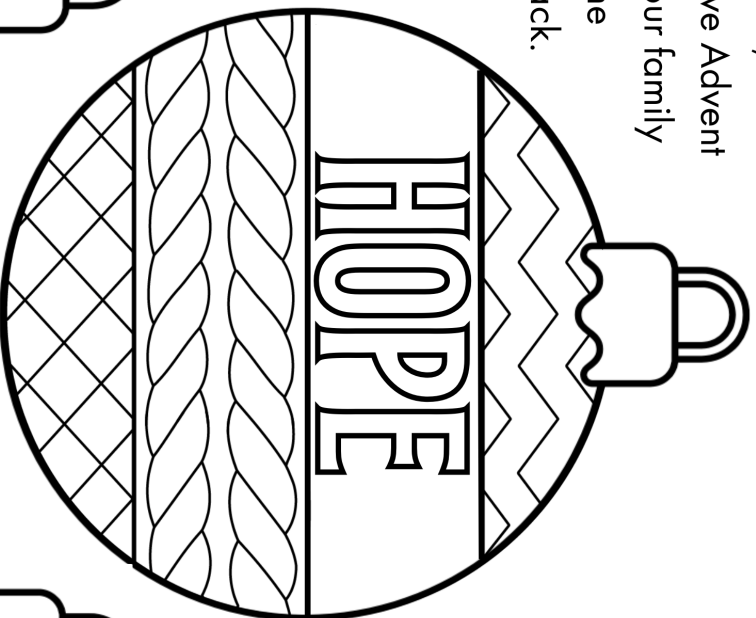
Images for the Tree

After completing each day's reading, cut out the corresponding image below and place it on the tree.

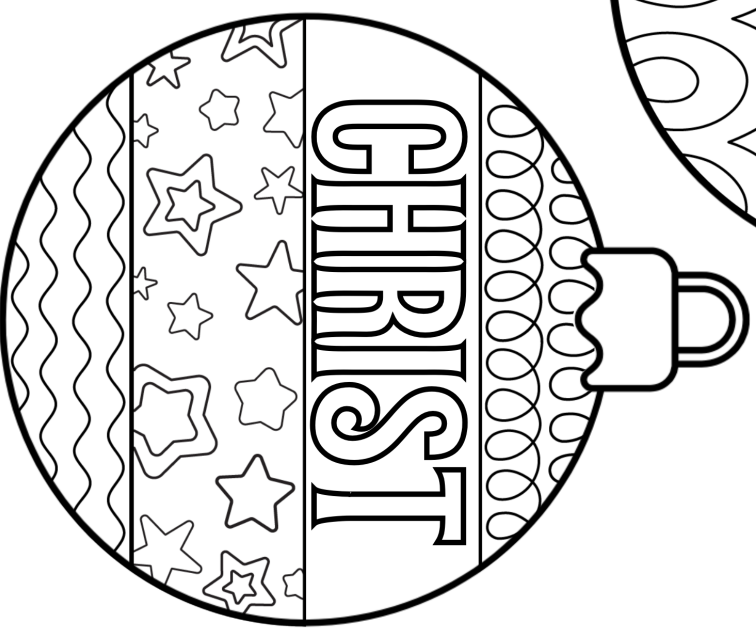
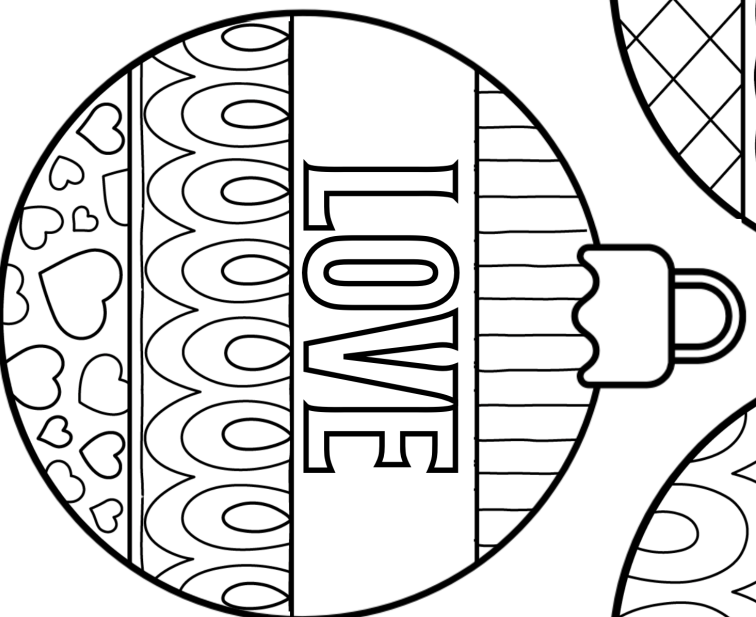
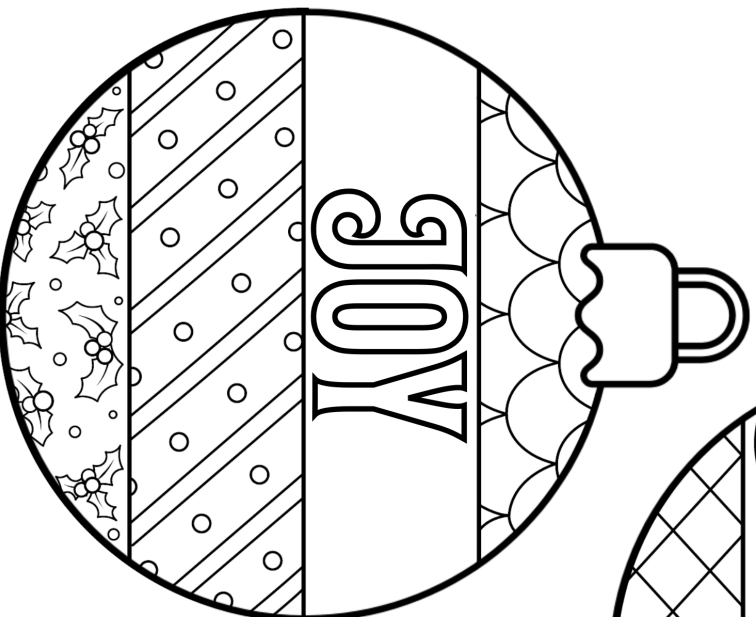


Advent Ornaments

Throughout December, color and cut out these five Advent ornaments while your family asks one another the questions on the back.



We hope this activity gives your family opportunities to share and create Christmas memories while spending time in God's word.



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Ideas for your completed

Advent ornaments:

- Hang on your tree
- Give as gift tags

* Visit blackhawk.church/advent-conspiracy/ for ways to share hope with others this Christmas.

PEACE

Isaiah 9:6

What do you think of when you hear the word peace?

What helps you feel peaceful?

God promises you peace and protection.

HOPE

John 3:16

What is one way our family can share hope with others? *

What is something you are hoping for this Christmas, not just as a gift, but in your heart or for someone else?

CHRIST

Luke 1:26-31; John 6:35, 10:11; and Job 19:25

Is there a story behind the name you were given?

Do you go by other names?

Why do you think Jesus was called other names later in life?

LOVE

1 John 4:9

What is something someone has done to show you love?

Share one or two ways you enjoy showing love to others.

JOY

Psalms 100:1-2

What's your most joyful memory?

What might make you happy this Christmas?

What songs do you like to sing together as a family?