

## ADVENT CONSPIRACY | PARTICIPATE AS A FAMILY

During the Christmas season, we participate in a movement called Advent Conspiracy, where we reflect on God's extravagant generosity in giving us the gift of Jesus and move towards being generous to the world around us. When parents and kids practice generosity together, it becomes part of who you are as a family. 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. Try the idea below!

### MAKE A GIVING JAR

Here's a simple visual way to put Advent Conspiracy into practice as a family. A giving jar can help start conversations about giving, spending less, and praying for those who'll receive your gift.

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

*What you'll do:* Work together. Have fun. Be creative. Thank God. Give with joy!

1. Learn about this year's Advent Conspiracy partner organizations together. As a family, visit [blackhawk.church/advent-conspiracy](http://blackhawk.church/advent-conspiracy) to look through the list of this year's projects and organizations. Ask, "Which of these have meaning for our family?" Check out their websites together, read their stories, and talk about who they serve and why their work matters.
2. Talk about how your family can give. How will you spend less so that you can give more? What might that look like for your family? Get specific and be honest.
3. Add to the jar. Throughout Advent Conspiracy, add to your jar each time someone intentionally chooses 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 too. Write this down on a piece of paper and add it to your jar.

*Ideas for ways your family could add to the jar by saving on something else*

- 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
  - Ask a loved one if their gift for you could be a donation to Advent Conspiracy
4. Collect and pray together. Gather your family and pray over your offering, for the organizations, and for those who'll receive your gift. Add up what you collected and give as a family online or by check. If by check, please write "Advent" in the memo line and drop in an offering box at your site or mail to: Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton, WI 53562.

Thank you for your generosity!