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*Cultivating a spirit of worship in the
Christmas season*

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CHURCH **KIDS**



Introduction

Advent is a beautiful season of looking forward in anticipation and eager expectation of Christmas day. For our forerunners in the faith, there were thousands of years of waiting for the glorious arrival of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord, and Immanuel—God with us. But today, we live in the marvelous reality of His birth, life, death, and resurrection. Advent becomes for us a time of anticipation, but also reflection. It is a time of eager expectation, but also of joyful remembrance and worship.

Adore is a 4 week devotional designed for children and families to engage in the Advent season and cultivate a spirit of worship as we celebrate the coming of Jesus. In it, we will go through a different Christmas Carol each week, taking time to read scripture, reflect, and enjoy a brief activity.

We hope Adore will help you and your family to more fully appreciate and enjoy this wonderful season!

WEEK 1

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.



DAY 1

*Joy to the world, the Lord has come
let earth receive her King*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

REFLECTION

Can you think of the best gift you've ever received? No matter how amazing it might have felt to have that gift, it cannot even compare to the gift that God gave us. As you might be getting or giving gifts this season remember that we have been given the greatest gift of all. Jesus! God's Son.

ACTIVITY

Make wrapping paper.

DAY 2

Let every heart prepare Him room

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:6-7 *“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”*

REFLECTION

Jesus was born in a place where the animals were kept because there was no room for them in the inn.

Sometimes, the Christmas season can be a busy time filled with exciting activities and fun things to do. We can enjoy these things but we don't want to allow those things to crowd out our affections for Jesus.

ACTIVITY

Read Luke 2:1-20 and thank Him for his kindness to us as we make room in our hearts for Him today.

DAY 3

And Heaven and Nature sing

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.”

Isaiah 55:12 “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”

REFLECTION

Even the trees, the grass, and the sky declare the goodness of God.

ACTIVITY

Take a walk in nature or in your backyard. Observe the things God has created and thank Him for the visible reminder of His beauty and goodness.

DAY 4

He rules the world with truth and grace

SCRIPTURE

John 1:14 *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

REFLECTION

If you were king for a day, what kind of rules would you make? What kind of laws would you change? The bible tells us that we have a king who is unlike any other king.

He rules perfectly with truth and grace.

ACTIVITY

Make a crown ornament.

DAY 5

And wonders of His love

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1 *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

REFLECTION

Guess what? God has given us a family to show us His love for us. One of the ways He does this is by putting parents into our lives to help us and guide us. No matter what our family looks like, God tells us He is our Father and shows us His love for us by making us His children. He is the perfect parent to us.

ACTIVITY

Have a family game night.

WEEK 2

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night, O night divine



DAY 1

*Holy Night, the stars are brightly
Shining*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:2 *“Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”*

REFLECTION

Have you ever gone outside on a clear night and looked at the stars? The bible tells us that God, who created the stars, used a special star to point the way for wisemen to find Jesus. What a beautiful picture of God's creation directing us to worship Him.

ACTIVITY

Make Christmas cookies or salt dough ornaments using star shapes.

DAY 2

*Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:6 "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations.

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

REFLECTION

Does it ever feel like the days leading up to Christmas feel like they are going so slowly? The bible tells us that people had to wait many, many years for a Savior. Think of how exciting it was when Jesus finally arrived! The good news for us is that we no longer have to wait.

ACTIVITY

Pop popcorn, make a popcorn garland, and thank God for giving us the gift of His Son.

DAY 3

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:20-22 "Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You."

REFLECTION

Have you ever hoped really really hard for something to happen? The bible tells us that we can hope in Him and never be disappointed! We can rejoice today because when we put our hope in Jesus, He will help us and protect us.

ACTIVITY

Write a short message thanking Jesus for giving us a hope that does not disappoint.

DAY 4

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:22-23 *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*

REFLECTION

Think of the last sunrise you saw. The darkness of the night slowly fading away as the warm sun peaks over the trees and starts to shine brightly on all it touches. What a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness to us as He takes away sin and darkness and fills us with His light.

ACTIVITY

Make your favorite breakfast food and thank God for giving us mornings.

DAY 5

*Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace*

SCRIPTURE

John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

REFLECTION

Because God’s love was so great and so big, we get to share that gift with others. God calls us to love others the way He loved us.

ACTIVITY

Make Christmas cards to give to friends.

WEEK 3

O Come All ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord



DAY 1

O come all ye faithful

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:9 *“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”*

REFLECTION

Sometimes doing hard things can be a challenge. Especially if we don't see the outcome yet. The bible encourages us to not give up because, like the farmer, we will one day receive a harvest.

ACTIVITY

Plant some winter seeds.
(A few good ones are carrots, lettuce, and radishes)

DAY 2

Joyful and Triumphant

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100:1-2 *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!”*

REFLECTION

Over the past week we've been reading scriptures that proclaim awesome and amazing truths about God. What do we do now that we've heard these things? The bible tells us to rejoice! Throw a party and celebrate what God has done. How kind is our King who doesn't ask us to try harder, but instead, invites us to sing and dance and enjoy His good gifts.

ACTIVITY

Sing / listen to O Come all Ye Faithful.

DAY 3

O Come ye, o Come ye, to Bethlehem

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:2 “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”

REFLECTION

What type of town or city do you live in? Is it large with lots of buildings and people? Or is it small and quiet? God could have chosen Jesus' birthplace to be one that was exciting and grand. But instead, we find that Jesus was born in a very small and ordinary town. God, in His grace, uses small and ordinary things to accomplish His purposes.

ACTIVITY

Look up Bethlehem on a map.

DAY 4

Come and Behold Him

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:16-18 *"So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."*

REFLECTION

Behold means to see or observe a thing or person (especially a remarkable or impressive one).

What could be more remarkable than what the shepherds saw that wonderful night? Can you imagine their excitement as they left to tell others what they just saw?

ACTIVITY

Make a creative nativity scene using stuffed animals, legos or nature.

DAY 5

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95:6 “Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”

Matthew 2:11 “And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

REFLECTION

A treasure is a quantity of precious metals, gems, or other valuable objects. What is something you really value that you would give to Jesus if you were there?

ACTIVITY

Make gold play dough.

Recipe: 1 cup flour, Yellow kool aid, ½ cup salt,
Gold glitter, 3 Tbls oil, 1 cup boiling water.

Mix dry ingredients, add to water, knead until all comes together. Store in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

WEEK 4

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, o come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice rejoice
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our Kind of Peace



DAY 1

O Come O Come Emmanuel

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:14 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (meaning God with us).”

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

REFLECTION

God is with us. Always. Unlike people, God is never too busy to hear us. He sees us and he enjoys being with us. We can thank him for His nearness today.

ACTIVITY

Sip hot cocoa or cider and thank Jesus for being with us always.

DAY 2

And Ransom Captive Israel

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:5-6 *“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all—the testimony that was given at just the right time.”*

REFLECTION

Imagine you owed somebody a debt that you could never repay. Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life that we could never live, and died on a cross to pay our debt of sin that we could never repay on our own. We were once captive to sin, but now we are free because Jesus is our ransom.

ACTIVITY

Take communion as a family.

DAY 3

*Disperse the Gloomy Clouds of Night and
Death's Dark Shadows put to flight*

SCRIPTURE

John 8:12 "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

REFLECTION

The bible tells us that Jesus is our light. Other lights will fade and go away in time, but Jesus lights even the darkest parts of our life. We don't have to be afraid of the future. Instead, we take joy knowing that we will spend eternity with the Lord. In His light.

ACTIVITY

Light a candle and thank Him for being a light that never goes away.

DAY 4

*Oh Come Desire of Nations Bind in One the
Hearts of all Mankind*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:3-4 "...Then make my joy complete by being of one mind, having the same love, being united in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

REFLECTION

The beauty of God's grace is that He extends it to all, regardless of our age, where we live, or what we've done. We can come together and celebrate the fact that God gave His Son Jesus to **all** of us. He has given this free gift to everyone.

ACTIVITY

Make treats and give them to your neighbors.

DAY 5

And Be Thyself our King of Peace

SCRIPTURE

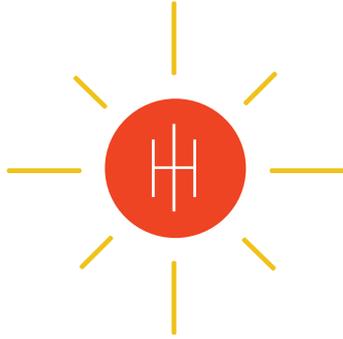
John 14:27 *"I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."*

REFLECTION

One of the gifts God has given us is his peace. The world offers us many things and promises that say they will be our source of happiness. But the bible tells us that those gifts eventually lose their excitement and leave us wanting more. God says that with Him, we find the best gift. His peace. A peace that fills us until we're full. A peace that satisfies. What an amazing gift!

ACTIVITY

Have a Christmas tree picnic and thank God for his gift of peace.



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