



2018 Advent Five Faith Promises Calendar

Advent is the season beginning four Sundays before Christmas. During Advent, Christians prepare to celebrate Christ's coming as their Lord and Savior. The word Advent means arrival or coming. While many Christmas activities focus on preparing for Christ's birth, Advent refers to the first and second coming of Christ.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>"A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler. His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace."</i> Isaiah 9:6 (CEV)</p>						<p>Read Matthew 1:18-25. 1</p> <p>BIBLE READING</p>
<p>Shop for a gift for a charity. Say a prayer for the recipient. 2</p> <p>PRAYER</p>	<p>While you decorate talk about Jesus' birth leading to his death, resurrection and your salvation. 3</p> <p>FAITH CONVERSATION</p>	<p>Place a few coins in the Salvation Army Red Kettle. 4</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Cut out sandwiches with a star-shaped cookie cutter. Talk about following Christ as the Wise Men followed the star. 5</p> <p>FAITH CONVERSATION</p>	<p>Watch your favorite Christmas movie. 6</p> <p>RITUAL/TRADITION</p>	<p>Bake cookies for elderly church members who are living in care facilities. 7</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Read Luke 1:26-38. 8</p> <p>BIBLE READING</p>
<p>Make a gingerbread house using graham crackers and frosting. 9</p> <p>RITUAL/TRADITION</p>	<p>Sing Christmas carols at mealtime. 10</p> <p>SHARED MEALTIME</p>	<p>Say a prayer only for others. 11</p> <p>PRAYER</p>	<p>Use the Nativity scene pieces to retell the Christmas story. 12</p> <p>FAITH CONVERSATION</p>	<p>Donate your gently-used clothes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. 13</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Decorate a birthday cake or cupcake and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. 14</p> <p>RITUAL/TRADITION</p>	<p>Read Micah 5:2 15</p> <p>BIBLE READING</p>
<p>Send a Christmas Care Pak to one of the church's missionaries. 16</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Pray the words of the Advent candles: HOPE, LOVE JOY, PEACE, & CHRIST. 17</p> <p>PRAYER</p>	<p>Bake Christmas cookies. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17 while you make them. 18</p> <p>SHARED MEALTIME</p>	<p>Text "Merry Christmas, Jesus Loves You" to a friend who doesn't know Christ. 19</p> <p>FAITH CONVERSATION</p>	<p>Instead of a letter to Santa write a prayer to Jesus. 20</p> <p>PRAYER</p>	<p>Take a plate of homemade cookies to your mechanic, doctor, or neighbor with a note of Christian encouragement. 21</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Read Matthew 2:1-12. 22</p> <p>BIBLE READING</p>
<p>Take treats to your local animal shelter in the name of Christ. 23</p> <p>ACT OF SERVICE</p>	<p>Attend a candle-light Christmas Eve church service. 24</p> <p>RITUAL/TRADITION</p>	<p>Read Luke 2:1-20. 25</p> <p>BIBLE READING</p>	<p><i>"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!"</i> —Jesus in John 3:16-17 (CEV)</p>			

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