

December

ABC's of ADVENT

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Day One

A is for **Angels**

B is for **Baby Jesus**

SCRIPTURES: Luke 2: 8-20 and Psalm 91: 1

FAMILY DISCUSSION: God created angels to be His heavenly messengers. They tell people on earth God's words, and they praise God. God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary and Joseph that they would have a baby who would be God's son. The angel told them to name the baby "Jesus."

SONG: Hark the Herold Angels Sing

PRAYER: Go around the table asking each person to say a pray, or read this Christmas Prayer:

O God, our loving Father,
Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And the worship of the wise men.
May the Christmas morning make us happy
To be thy children.
And the Christmas evening bring us to
our beds with grateful thoughts,
Forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen

Robert Louis Stevenson

Day Two

C is for **City of Bethlehem**

D is for **Donkey**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2: 1-12

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem. They may have ridden on a donkey. It was a long way to Bethlehem, and there were no cars, trains or airplanes for them to ride. The donkey is a symbol of peace and humbleness.

SONG: [O Little Town of Bethlehem](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Three

E is for **Evergreen Tree**

F is for **Family**

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:9 "God showed how much He loved us by sending His only son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him."

FAMILY DISCUSSION: God chose Mary and Joseph to be the earthly parents of His son Jesus. When you were baptized, you became part of God's family. God is your heavenly Father, and you are His special child.

SONG: [O' Christmas Tree](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

FAMILY TIME: Do something extra special as a family tonight. If you have not gotten your Christmas Tree this is a great day to go out together as a family and find that perfect tree, or decorate your tree. If you already have your tree up and decorated, you can enjoy family time or making cookies together.

Day Four

G is for **Gift of Grace**

H is for **Heart**

H is also for **Holy Spirit**

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:14b, 15 "...because of the surpassing Grace God has give you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable Gift." and Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our Hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."

FAMILY DISCUSSION: God gave us a wonderful gift, His only son, Jesus Christ. He was born as a baby. He died on a cross for our sins. He did this because He loves us, not because we deserve His love, but because of His grace. Grace is God's free gift to us, His children, because He loves us.

SONG: [Away In the Manger](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Five

I is for **Inn**

J is for **Joy**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:7, 10-11

SONG: [JOY TO THE WORLD](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1 and read the below quote.)

Christmas is a season of joy and good will, of singing and merriment, of generosity and brotherhood.

Christmas is a season of sharing and love.

Christmas is a season of concern for the needs of others, a season of the helping hand.

And that's as it should be.

For there is great satisfaction in making others happy. ~Salvation Army War Cry

Day Six

K is for **King of Kings**

L is for **Lamb**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:15-17, 20

SONG: [What Child Is This?](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Seven

M is for **Multitude of Angels**

N is for **Names of Jesus**

SCRIPTURES: Luke 2: 13-14; Luke 1: 31-32; and Matthew 1: 22-23

SONG: [The First Noel](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Eight

O is for "**O Come All Ye Faithful**"

P is for **Present**

SCRIPTURES: James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father." and John 3:19 "The light from heaven came into the world."

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Discuss why the shepherds wanted to go see the baby Jesus. Do you think you would have wanted to go too?

SONG: [O Come All Ye Faithful](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Nine

Q is for **Quiet Time**

R is for **Rod**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 46: 10a "Be still and know that I am God."

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Christmas is less than a week away. Today let us stop and take a few minutes to forget about everything and quietly think about the true reason that we celebrate Christmas -- the birth of Jesus.

SONG: [Silent Night, Holy Night](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Ten

S is for **Saint Nicholas**

T is for **Twinkling Star**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:9

SONG: [The Little Drummer Boy](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Eleven

U is for "**Unto Us a Child is Born**"

V and W is for **Visit of the Wise Men**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2: 7-12

FAMILY DISCUSSION: The wise men followed that twinkling star to Bethlehem to find the new King, Jesus. They presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were very valuable gifts and helped Mary and Joseph take care of their new son. What gift can you give to Jesus this Christmas?

SONG: [We Three Kings](#)

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)

Day Twelve

X is for **Jesus Christ**

Y is for **Yule Log**

Z is for **ZZZZZ**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 18-19

FAMILY DISCUSSION: The Bible tells us that God is watching over us and never slumbers or sleeps. God always loves us and takes care of us. So sleep well tonight knowing that you have made Jesus happy this Advent season because you remembered the true meaning of Christmas -- JESUS!

PRAYER & CLOSING: (See day 1)