

SUNDAY

1 **First Sunday of Advent**

**Rise & Shine!
The Lord is coming!**

MONDAY

2 **The King of Glory is Coming!**

Read
Psalm 24:7-10

TUESDAY

3
Mary and Joseph traveled many miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Draw a picture of them and their donkey as they make the journey.

WEDNESDAY

4
Bake Christmas cookies today and share them with your neighbors.

THURSDAY

5
Volunteer today with your family to serve the poor or feed the hungry.

FRIDAY

6 **Feast Day of Saint Nicholas**

St. Nicholas lived a long time ago in Turkey. He was known for dropping coins down chimneys to help the poor. What can you do today to help the poor?

SATURDAY

7
Have your parents take you to the church today so you can visit Jesus, or find a quiet place to speak to Him in your heart. Be sure to thank Him for all the blessings in your life.

8 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

9 **An Angel Visits Mary**

The Annunciation
Read
Luke 1:26-38

10 **The Jesse Tree**

Jesse, the father of King David, was the ancestor of Jesus. Make a Jesse tree out of paper, cardboard, or a real tree branch. Each day of Advent, cut out one symbol of Jesus' ancestors and hang it on the tree with glue, tape, or string. On Christmas day put the symbol for Christ on the top of the tree.
Here are some ideas:
Adam: an apple Noah: the ark Jacob: a ladder

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12
Make a card for someone who is sick or elderly and send it to them or go visit them.

13 **The First Nativity Scene**

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A long time ago, St. Francis of Assisi and some friends brought an ox, a donkey, a manger, and some straw to a cave to help people remember that Jesus was born in a stable. Set up your nativity scene at home today, and then go and visit the Creché Festival at the Casa this weekend!
Remember to always prepare a place for the baby Jesus - in your home, and in your heart!

15 **Third Sunday of Advent**

Rejoice in the Lord!

16
Make Christmas placemats for the family today. Get some 11"x17" paper and write each persons name in the center. Decorate the placemats with scenes like the nativity around each name.

17 **Kris Kringle!**

18
Have everyone in your family write their names on slips of paper and put them in a hat. Everyone pulls out a name and becomes a Kris Kringle for their secret friend. Pray for them, give them cards or little gifts, but keep it secret until Christmas Day!
Shhhhhh!

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19 **The Candy Cane**

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The candy cane...
• is hard because Jesus is our rock
• is white for His purity
• is red for His blood
• is shaped like a shepherds hook because He is the Good Shepherd and he cares for us.

Hang candy canes on your Christmas tree at home!

21
Light the Advent candles tonight (ask your parents first!) and sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel."

22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Be not afraid!

23
Final preparations are being made! What do you still need to do today to prepare for the baby Jesus?

24
Tonight, Mary will give birth to her firstborn Son.

Read the story in
Luke 2:1-20

25
Happy Birthday Jesus!



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Activity Calendar for Families

