



Family Advent Worship Guide Celebrating Advent Together

Parents,

We are excited that you have chosen to set aside time each week during the Advent season to help your children prepare for Christmas! We are praying that this is a meaningful time for you and your family. We pray that this time will help you and your family grow closer together, to provide a break from chaotic schedules, and to better understand the Christmas season.

Items we recommend:

📖 Family Advent Devotional (includes devotional guide and 🖍 an activity page each week)

☀ 5 candles

- Traditionally, these candles include 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle, and 1 white candle. Feel free to use whatever you have available, though.
- If using traditional colors: Weeks 1-3's candles are purple, Week 4's candle is pink, and Week 5's (Christmas Eve) candle is white.

🎄 A wreath or garland of some kind.

- Traditionally, this is a wreath that surrounds the candles.
- Feel free to use some of your own Christmas decorations

📖 One or more Bibles

- There are several readings included for each day. Having your child mark the readings with a bookmark before you begin will help each session flow more smoothly.

🎵 Music; choose your own or use included carols and/or video links at ttownkids.org/familyadvent
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I would love to hear stories of your family experiences during Advent! Email me at jeremy@fbctuscaloosa.org and/or snap pictures & tag us on instagram/twitter @ttownkids

Introduction (to be done with your family):

Advent is the time before Christmas when we prepare, celebrate, and look forward to the most important birthday of all time — Jesus' birthday. Christmas Day is the day that we set aside each year to celebrate Jesus' birth into the world.

Each year, our family does lots of things to prepare for Christmas. What are some of the things we do to get ready for Christmas? (Allow kids to answer. e.g., shop, decorate, wrap gifts, visit family, etc.)

This year, one of the ways we are going to prepare is by talking about some of the things that led up to Jesus' birth, and we will be using an advent wreath to help us.

The most important thing we can do is prepare our hearts. Each _____ (write the day of the week you will set aside for your family) we will come together as a family for a few minutes to pray, read from the Bible, light a candle on our wreath, and learn something special about Jesus.

The first week we will light one candle, and each week after that, we will add another candle to be an example of what we are talking about.

On Christmas Eve, we will light all 5 candles.

We are looking forward to this time as a family, but we must remember that we have to be very careful while the candles are lit. We will need to work together and follow instructions. Will you help us by being very careful around the candles and following instructions?

Great! Thank you!