## advent calendar





1st Sunday Arrange a 'sacred space' in your home: Place an Advent wreath there and light the first candle.

Pray: Dear God, please make our hearts extra loving this Advent. Put aside one of your toys for a Christmas collection for children in need. Be patient with your little brother or sister.

Make a Christmas card which tells the story of Jesus' birthday.

Small steps in faith make a holy season.

Make the journey with your child...

Don't watch TV tonight. Instead, do something loving for your family.

Read a story about a saint.



2nd Sunday Light the first two candles on your Advent wreath. Pray for peace. Read a bible story about Mary. (Luke 1:26-38) Pray the *Hail Mary*.

Share your favourite toy or game with your brother or sister. Donate your pocket money to an organisation that helps kids. Say 'thanks' to a friend for what's nice about them.

Forgive somebody who hasn't been nice to you today.

Sing your favourite song about Jesus.



3rd Sunday Light three candles on your Advent wreath. Pray for somebody who is sad. Ask your Mum or Dad to take you to visit the church during this week, to light a candle and say a prayer.

Send a special card to somebody who is feeling sick or sad.

Do a household chore with a smile on your face!

Give yourself a pat on the back for the Advent steps you have taken so far. Say a 'sorry' prayer to God for something you shouldn't have done. Pray a decade of the rosary. The second joyful mystery.



4th Sunday Light all the Advent candles. Ask the Holy Spirit to come into your heart.

What is one thing you like about being Catholic?

Talk about Jesus to a friend today.

Is there something you are worried about? Talk to an adult you trust. Talk to God too.

Today, when you are doing something difficult, ask God to help you.

Think of all the Christians throughout the world who are about to celebrate Christmas!

## Christmas Day

The angels sing: Glory to God in the highest!
Well done on your Advent journey! Celebrate Christmas.



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