

ADVENT

CALENDAR

God demonstrated the generosity of His character by giving us His only Son, Jesus. Gather your family and read the story of God's perfect gift, one day at a time. Then, complete the suggested activity together, reflecting His generosity to those around you.

1

A young couple, Mary and Joseph, get engaged.

Do another family member's chore in secret.

2

One day, God sends the angel Gabriel to Mary. He has some very special news!

Use cardstock and markers to create colorful and encouraging bookmarks. Leave them inside random books in your local library.

3

Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angel's greeting.

Grab some sidewalk chalk and leave kind messages on sidewalks around your community.

4

Gabriel responds to Mary: "Don't be afraid; God is very happy with you!"

Grab a sheet or roll of stickers, cut them out individually (leaving the backing intact), and tape them in random places for people to find.

5

Gabriel tells Mary the special news: she will have a baby boy, and He will be named Jesus.

Tell each of your family members one thing you love about them.

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Gabriel shares more details of God's plan with Mary: "Jesus will be great and will be called God's very own Son!"

Find some rocks, clean them up, then decorate them in festive colors and phrases before leaving them on neighbors' doorsteps or on a local walking trail.

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Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby without being married, but the angel Gabriel assures her of a great truth: Nothing is impossible with God.

Make thank you cards for your bus driver, mailman, and garbage truck drivers.

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"I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen," Mary tells the angel, and he leaves.

On the next trash day, walk your neighbor's garbage cans back to their house.

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Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and is so overwhelmed with God's goodness that she sings a song of praise.

On a sunny day, write encouraging phrases on index cards and leave them under the windshield wiper on random cars.

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Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so he tells all the people to go back to their hometown to be registered and counted.

Choose a family with young kids and offer to babysit for free one night this month.

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Joseph takes Mary, who is pregnant, to his hometown of Bethlehem to be counted.

Do chores or sell your gently used toys to donate money to a charity or family in need.

12

While Joseph and Mary are in Bethlehem, the time comes for the baby to be born.

Invite a friend or a family to a holiday church service.

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Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else.

Leave a kind note under a family member's pillow.

14

At night in a nearby field, shepherds are watching their flocks.

Take turns sharing your favorite family memory from the last year.

15

The sky lights up—God has sent an angel to the shepherds to tell them the good news.

Collect everyone's spare coins and tape them to vending machines.

16

When the shepherds see the angel, they're afraid!

Bend colorful pipe cleaners into hearts, stars, flowers, or squiggly spirals. Wind the ends around signs, fences, or door handles to brighten someone's day.

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The angel tries to calm the shepherds: "Don't be afraid—I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!"

Visit elderly family members or a nursing home and sing Christmas carols.

18

"A Savior—the Rescuer you have been waiting for is born today!" the angel proclaims to the shepherds.

Use painter's tape to hang a candy cane on all your neighbors' mailboxes or doorknobs.

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The angel explains that the shepherds will find the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

Grab a sticky pad and draw a bunch of smiling faces and positive phrases. Leave them on mirrors in public restrooms in your community.

20

More angels come to celebrate the good news—they arrive at the shepherd's field and begin praising God!

Grab a garbage bag and clean up your neighborhood or local playground.

21

The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger.

Offer to do the dishes or take out the trash without being asked.

22

After they see the baby, the shepherds excitedly go and tell everyone they run into the good news!

Find a parking lot and gather up all the carts and walk them back to the store.

23

The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they had seen and heard.

Gather any clothes in your closet that don't fit and give away the ones you've outgrown or don't wear.

24

Mary names the baby Jesus just as the angel had told her to do.

Send a kind text to or leave a voicemail for someone you haven't spoken to in awhile.

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God has sent His Son to rescue us because He loves us so very much! Luke 1:26-2:21

Go back to Day 1 and read the beautiful story from beginning to end of how God gave to us so generously. Merry Christmas!