

Advent

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In all the hustle and bustle in the preparation for Christmas Day, we can forget that the Advent season is actually about anticipation—waiting—for the arrival of Jesus. In this activity, we want to encourage you, and your family, to slow down and think of the values of hope, peace, joy, and love.

This envelope includes the topic for each week and a little blurb explaining why we are focusing on each word that week, and the questions and paper template for each day.

Choose a time that works for your family (maybe a meal that you regularly share together). At that time one person will read the scripture for the week (you can rotate this responsibility!), and then will ask the question of the day. Each person should take time to share their answer, and then write their thoughts on one of their pieces of paper (if the kids in your family aren't writing yet an adult can help them, OR you can create your paper chain without writing).

The questions are deliberately simple, not just because we want your kids to be able to answer them, but because we know that simple questions can lead to great conversations. And it is our prayer that your family will have great conversations this Advent season.

When you have finished your reflection, connect the ends of your paper and secure with a small piece of tape or other adhesive. Thread the next piece of paper through the first before connecting the ends. By the time Christmas arrives, you'll have a paper chain garland covered with your thoughts, stories, and prayers about the hope, peace, joy and love of the season!

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."**

(Romans 15:13)

