2020 ADVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAÝ	
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FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 29 AND ENDS ON CHRISTMAS EVE. IT IS A TIME OF PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. THIS TIME IS ALSO A TIME TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY AND TO FOCUS ON OTHERS THAT YOU CAN BLESS DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR. HERE WE HAVE A LIST OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM TO CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENT CALENDAR THAT WORKS FOR YOUR FAMILY. INVOLVE YOUR CHILDREN IN PREPARING THIS CALENDAR AND TRY TO FOCUS ON CHOOSING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY...HAVE FUN!!!!

CHRIST CENTERED CHRISTMAS

- DOUGH HOLY NIGHT VIDEO...A FUN FAMILY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY (SEE LINK BELOW OR ACCESS IN THE LIVING STONES APP)
- 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY (SEE BELOW)
- 25 BIBLE VERSES TO COUNTDOWN TILL CHRISTMAS (SEE BELOW)
- PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING ADVENT (SEE SUGGESTIONS BELOW)
- SET OUT & CHILD-FRIENDLY NATIVITY SET FOR PLAY
- ACT OUT THE NATIVITY STORY
- ATTEND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
- READ THE NATIVITY STORY ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BEFORE OPENING PRESENTS
- MAKE A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR JESUS AND SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME

- CHRISTMAS LIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT (SEE BELOW)
- WATCH & CHRISTMAS MOVIE WITH & PICNIC DINNER
- GAME NIGHT BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE
- MAKE A HOLIDAY GREETINGS VIDEO AND SEND TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- HAVE A SNOWBALL FIGHT (WITH PAPER WAD SNOWBALLS, OF COURSE)
- HAVE A CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON
- VISIT SANTA CLAUSE
- MOVIE NIGHT IN PAJAMAS
- BUY AND READ A NEW CHRISTMAS BOOK
- PLAY CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND HAVE A DANCE PARTY
- HAVE A SILLY, CHRISTMAS THEMED FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT
- GO AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- READ CHRISTMAS BOOKS IN A BLANKET FORT
- CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND POPCORN NIGHT
- WRAP PRESENTS WHILE LISTENING TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC

CHEER IN THE KITCHEN

- MAKE AND DECORATE CHRISTMAS COOKIES
- HAVE A HOT CHOCOLATE BAR
- MAKE S'MORES
- MAKE CHRISTMAS THEMED PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST (USE COOKIE CUTTERS AND SPRINKLES)
- MAKE APPLE CIDER
- BUILD A SNOWMAN (OUT OF JUMBO MARSHMALLOWS)
- HAVE A RED & GREEN DINNER
- MAKE REINDEER FOOD
- MAKE COOKIES FOR SANTA

ACTS OF KINDNESS

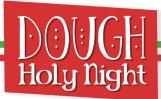
- BUILD AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX ONLINE ON THE LIVING STONES GOAL PAGE BY DECEMBER 6[™] (SEE NEWSLETTER)
- PICK OUT A NEW TOY TO DONATE TO A TOY DRIVE (BONUS: CLEAN OUT OLD TOYS TO DONATE TOO!)
- MAKE CHRISTMAS GOODIES AND DELIVER TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
- ADOPT & FAMILY OR CHILD FOR THE HOLIDAYS
- DONATE TOWELS AND BLANKETS TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER
- DONATE CANNED GOODS TO A FOOD PANTRY
- LEAVE A "THANK YOU" NOTE FOR YOUR MAIL CARRIER
- LEAVE TREATS FOR YOUR AMAZON/UPS/FED-EX DRIVERS
- SEND CARE PACKAGES OR HOLIDAY CARDS TO TROOPS OVERSEAS
- GIVE BLANKETS OUT TO THE HOMELESS

CRAFTS

- WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA
- MAKE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR TEACHERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS
- BUILD GINGERBREAD HOUSES
- MAKE A PAPER GARLAND COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS
- MAKE PAPER SNOWFLAKES
- MAKE A CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT
- MAKE A HANDPRINT CHRISTMAS CRAFT
- PRINT AND COLOR CHRISTMAS COLOR PAGES

DECORATING FUN

- PUT UP AND DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE
- HANG CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTDOORS
- DECK THE HALLS WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- LET KIDS DECORATE THEIR ROOMS WITH HOMEMADE DECORATIONS



Merry Christmas and welcome to "Dough Holy Night!" This is a fun and interactive experience designed for your family to do at home. Together, you'll bake a batch of Christmas cookies and, along the way, hear the story of the very first Christmas. Best of all, there's a video that walks you step-by-step through the entire experience. It's so simple!

Directions:

Step 1: Gather the ingredients. David and Casey (a.k.a. "The Cookie Crew") will show you how to make snickerdoodle cookies. You can see the list of ingredients and baking instructions below.

Step 2: Press play on the video. The video will walk you step-by-step through the entire experience. Occasionaly, the Cookie Crew will tell you press pause and do something. When you're finished, press play again.

Step 3: Eat cookies. Possibly the best step ever! When the timer goes off, enjoy your cookies while David and Casey remind your family why Jesus is the sweetest part of Christmas.

Video Access:

You can access the video and other materials **HERE**, or copy and paste the following into a web browser: https://www.gocurriculum.com/dough-holy-night-parent-portal

The password is: **LETSDOUGH**

Snickerdoodle Cookie Recipe:

1 cup butter (softened) 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour

2 large eggs ¼ tsp salt

1½ cups white sugar2 tsp vanilla extract1 tsp baking soda2 tsp cream of tartar

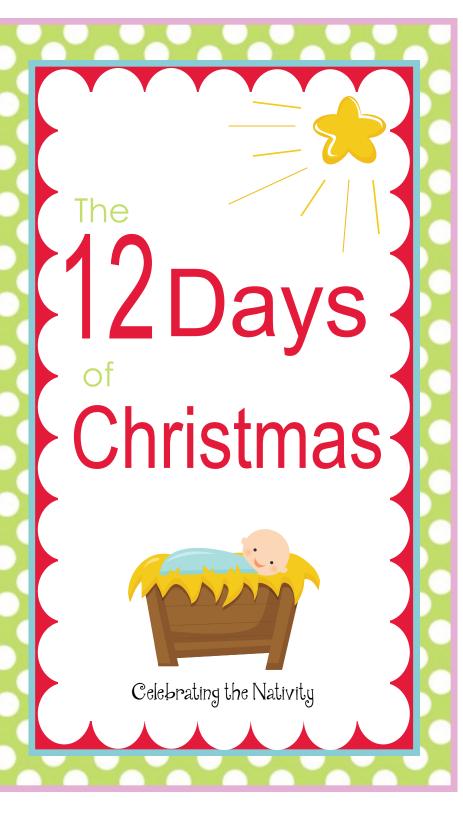
½ cup sprinkles

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- 2. Cream together butter, sugar, vanilla, and eggs. Then blend in flour, cream of tartar, salt, and baking soda until a soft dough forms.
- 3. Form dough into 1 inch balls and roll through sprinkles. Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.
- 4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, or until set (but not too hard).

Directions for the 12 Days of Christmas Activity

- 1. Print and cut out the nativity cards.
- 2. Grab 12 envelopes and put the scripture card and the matching nativity piece in each envelope.
- 3. Number the envelopes, putting the story in any order, but ending with the Jesus card.
- 4. Once your envelopes are filled, cut out the super cute explanation tags and attach to a gift bag.
- 5. Deliver to someone's doorstep on the 13th and/or use for your own kids.
- 6. By Christmas, you, or the receiver of your gift, will have a set of 12 adorable nativity cards as well as a set of 12 cards to tell His birthday story.



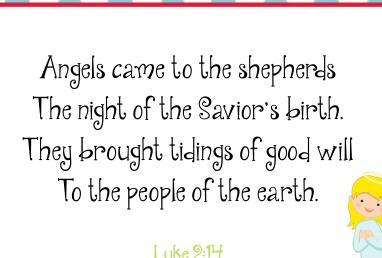


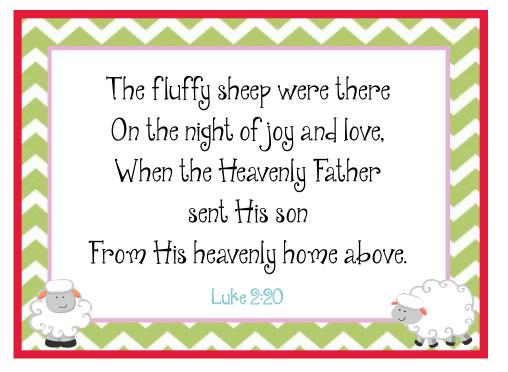
merry Christmas

It's the 12th day before Christmas,
And we are focusing on what's true
A daily reminder of the season,
That may brighten it for you.

Each day there will be something
To point your heart to the reason
Why we celebrate Christmastime
And why it's a special season.

So open one envelope each day,
Don't peek, that won't be fun
And together we can rejoice in
The coming of the Son.

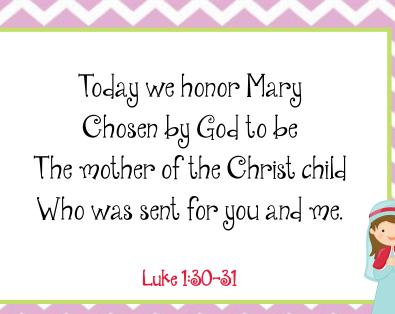


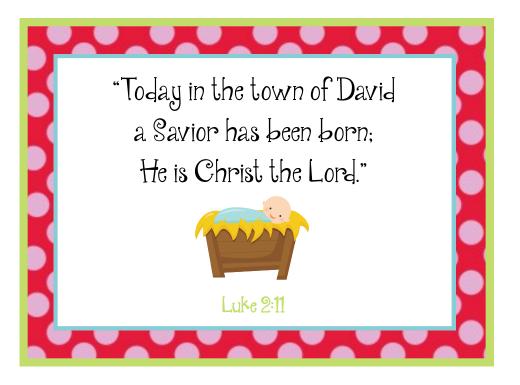


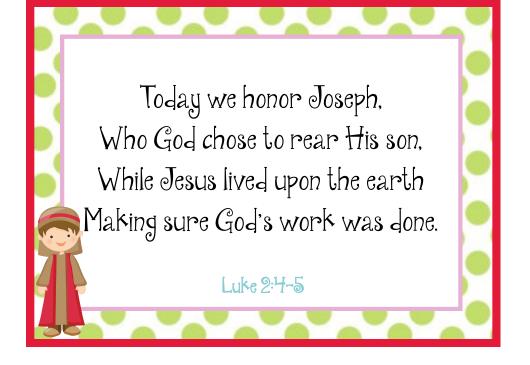
The animals were witnesses
Of the miracle that night,
As angels sang and
the beautiful star
Shone with heavenly light.

Matthew 2:2



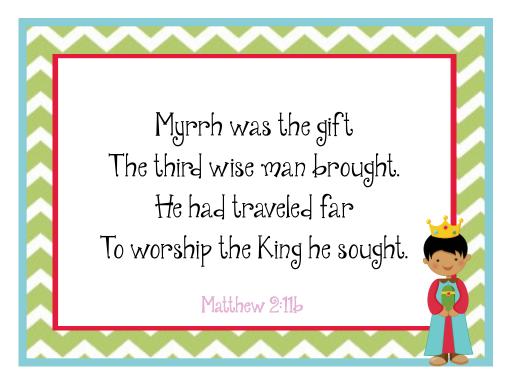


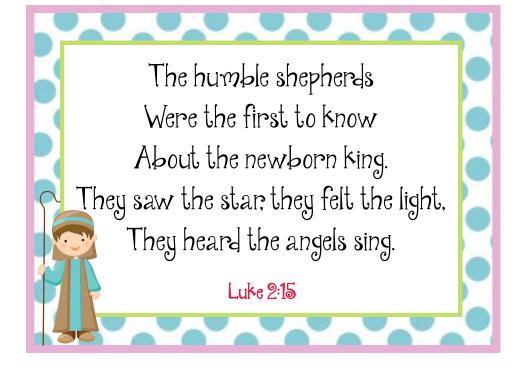






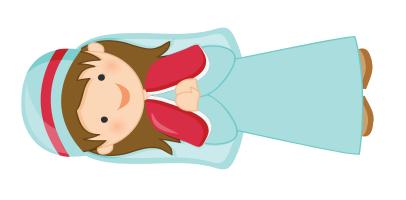














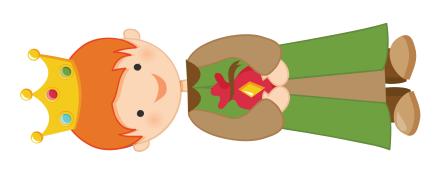






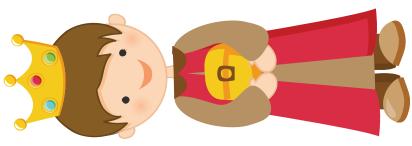
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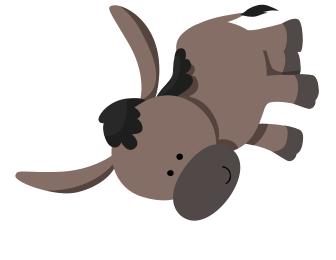


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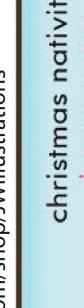


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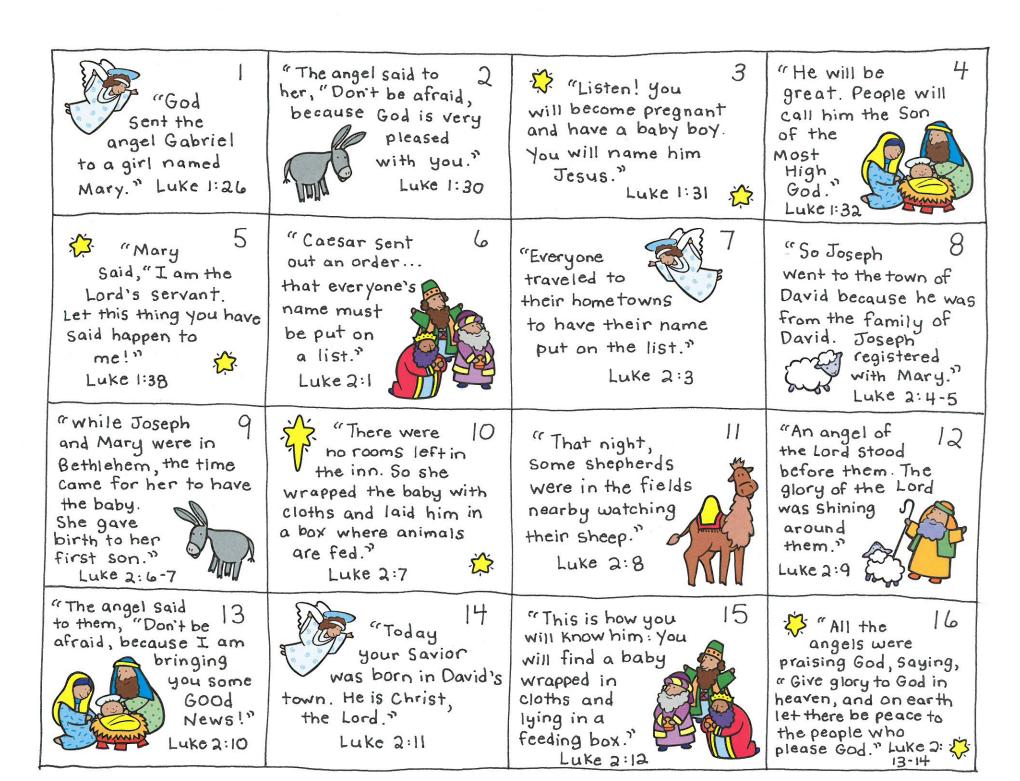




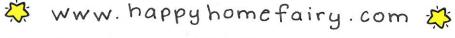


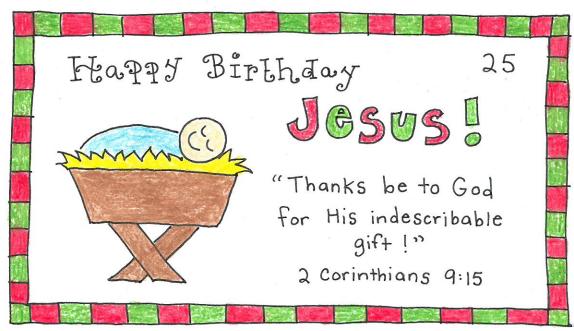












Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt

Drive around, look for lights and decor, and check off the items as you find them!

	Penguin		Tree
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	Nutcracker	NORTH POLE	North Pole Sign
	Wreath		Presents
	Candy Canes		Reindeer
	Elf		Stocking
	Santa		Polar Bear
	Ornaments		Star
	Nativity Scene		Sled