

study God's Word. This Scripture reading plan corresponds with the daily reading in the book, "The Advent Project."

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# ADVENT PROJECT



# DAY 1



The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

JOHN 1:9

#### DAY 2



I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13 NLT

#### DAY 3



For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

AMOS 3:7 ESV

#### DAY 4



All the promises of God find their Yes in him.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20 ESV

#### DAY 5



He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

ISAIAH 53:2

# DAY 6



See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

ISAIAH 49:16 NLT

#### DAY 7



He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

MARK 16:15

#### DAY 8



But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the
thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me
The One to be Ruler in Israel.

MICAH 5:2 NKIV

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#### DAY 9



Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

**LUKE 2:4** 

#### **DAY 10**



For we are the aroma of Christ to God.  $\,$ 

ROMANS 15:13 NLT

#### **DAY 11**



When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

**LUKE 7:36** 

#### **DAY 12**



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

HEBREWS 13:8

#### **DAY 13**



These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

MATTHEW 15:8

#### **DAY 14**



 $\label{eq:condition} \text{Every good and perfect gift is from above.}$ 

**JAMES 1:17** 

# **DAY 15**



The angel said to [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

**LUKE 2:10** 

#### **DAY 16**



There were shepherds out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

**LUKE 2:8** 

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#### **DAY 17**



She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

LUKE 2:7 ESV

#### **DAY 18**



But Mary treasured up all of these things and pondered them in her heart.

**LUKE 2:19** 

#### **DAY 19**



They pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

**LUKE 5:11** 

#### **DAY 20**



When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

MATTHEW 2:10 NKJV

## **DAY 21**



Coming up to them at that very moment, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

**LUKE 2:38** 

### **DAY 22**



Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

LUKE 2:13-14

# **DAY 23**



Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16

#### **DAY 24**



It had been revealed to [Simeon] by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

LUKE 2:26

#### **DAY 25**



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

**LUKE 2:11** 





SHARE HIS LIGHT byBEING THE LIGHT





A CHALLENGE TO JOURNAL, REFLECT, AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH





Display a Nativity
outdoors. The
display of Nativity
sets reminds others
that Jesus is real -and that we should
celebrate the real gift
of the season!

Reenact the first Christmas and invite friends and neighbors! It doesn't have to be elaborate. Humble, handmade costumes are the sweetest.

Give gift cards to a struggling single parent family anonymously. Leave a generous, much bigger-than-usual, tip for your server at a restaurant and include a note that says "Merry Christmas.

Jesus loves you!"

Leave a nice tip for your mailman and newspaper delivery person.

Make a Christmas card for your pastor and church staff.

Volunteer to babysit for a single mom so she can do her Christmas shopping.

Sing Christmas hymns doorto-door or in a nursing home, like "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger" and "Oh Holy Night." Have a Birthday Party for Jesus! You can make a cake, sing "Happy Birthday", and even put up some birthday decorations.

Stop by a school bus stop and hand out candy canes to all the children waiting.

Surprise neighbors with treats and include the "You've Been Jingled" special poem that reminds of the true meaning of Christmas. (Courtesy of The Dating Divas)

Give gifts that focus on Christ. Not every gift has to

be religious, but children's Christian picture books,

Bibles, an inspirational Scripture calendar, or a 365day devotional all make great Christmas gifts that friends and family can enjoy year-round!

Create and share a Blessings Jar. Read the book "The Blessings Jar" as a family. Then fill your own Christmas jar with blessings and give to someone in need.

# 25 WAYS TO SHARE CHRIST at Christmas

Go on a family service project for Christmas: volunteer at a local shelter or soup kitchen, help deliver food baskets, serve at an animal shelter, or more! Pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.

Hide a \$1 bill in the toy section of the dollar store with a note "Jesus loves you!" —make some little person's day.

Leave cookies or sandwiches at your local fire or police station with a note of thanks and "Merry Christmas! Jesus loves you and we are grateful for you!"

Find a local community center that serves underprivileged children and bring Christmassy snacks, juice boxes, and crafts for a fun playtime afternoon.

Send Christmas cards to deployed soldiers.

story (the historical accounts directly from the Bible in the gospels of Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2) to senior citizens at a retirement

or nursing home.

**Read the Christmas** 

Shovel a snowy driveway and front walkway for a neighbor, or if you're in a warmer area mow the lawn or take the trash barrels in and out. Leave a note to tell them they are loved by Jesus!

Call your local hospital or hospice center and find out who doesn't have regular visitors and visit that person with a pointsettia or a mini-tree. Make a new friend!

Deliver cups of hot cocoa to the bell ringers outside of the stores.

Deliver a Christmas tree to a family or senior who can't afford one. Deliver blankets, warm socks, and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant lip balm) to a homeless shelter.



















