

Advent Activity Calendar



WHAT YOU NEED:

- light cardboard
- Paint
- Glitter, glue
- Ribbon or string
- Gel pens or felts
- Scissors
- Hole-punch



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Draw and cut out circles from light cardboard
- Make a hole at the top with a hole punch
- Thread with some ribbon or brightly coloured string
- Paint, number and decorate each circle ornament
- Discuss a list of advent activities (see suggested list below)
- On the back of each circle, write an activity for your family to do during advent
- String the advent ornaments up in a row along a length of ribbon, or hang them on a tree.



We spraypainted a tree branch silver and tied our advent circles to it.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES:

1. Write a prayer together, asking God to be with us as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth
2. Light a candle at dinnertime and pray together
3. Make Christmas decorations
4. Put up your Christmas tree
5. Go to the library and select some Christmas books
6. Make Christmas cards
7. Hand deliver a special homemade card to an elderly neighbour
8. Surprise a family member or friend you haven't seen for ages with a phone call
9. Go for a walk and collect pine cones
10. Create a Christmas table centrepiece using pine cones and candles
11. Make a playlist or CD of your family's favourite Christmas carols
12. Draw a picture or write a letter to someone special
13. Bake some Christmas cookies
14. Decorate Christmas cookies
15. Invite a neighbour over for a cuppa and cookie
16. Deliver some Christmas baking to someone living alone
17. Paint or draw pictures on plain newsprint to make your own wrapping paper
18. Have a family games night
19. Make popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together
20. Organise a small group to sing carols at a local rest-home
21. Go for a walk and deliver flyers advertising your parish's Christmas service times
22. Invite a friend to come to your church carol service
23. Go for a drive or walk to spot Christmas lights
24. Sing Christmas carols and read the Christmas story together over supper
25. Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus!