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A daily reading guide for families





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Welcome to The Little Book of Advent, a resource produced by Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry. Inside, you will find a scripture verse, question prompt and prayer for each day during Advent. This book is great for families to explore the birth of Jesus together.

We know that December can be hectic! Please don't feel discouraged or stressed if you miss a day or two. Any time spent reading the Bible together is valuable!

We pray that your family will be blessed by this resource!



SUNDAY, DEC 1

Read: John 1:1

I wonder... what do you hope for this Christmas?

Pray: Thank you, Jesus, that you have been with God from the beginning.

MONDAY, DEC 2

Read: John 1:3-5

I wonder... of all the things God created, what is your favourite?

Pray: Praise you Lord, for all of the things you have created.



TUESDAY, DEC 3

Read: Micah 5:2

I wonder... What is the oldest thing your family owns?

Pray: Thank you, that we can be part of God's big story.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4

Read: Isaiah 9:2

I wonder... how does it feel to walk in the dark?

Pray: Thank you Lord, that you had a great plan all along.

THURSDAY, DEC 5

Read: Isaiah 11:1-2

I wonder... does our family have any favourite Christmas traditions?

Pray: Lord, may we know a sense of belonging in God's big family.



FRIDAY, DEC 6

Read: Isaiah 7:14

I wonder... what does it feel like to know God is with us?

Pray: Thank you God, that you are with us at all times.

SATURDAY, DEC 7

Read: Luke 1:26-28

I wonder... what would it be like to meet an angel?

Pray: God, help us to be faithful to you, just like Mary was.

SUNDAY, DEC 8

Read: Luke 1:29-31

I wonder... what might Mary be feeling?

Pray: Give us courage when we face challenges, oh Lord.



MONDAY, DEC 9

Read: Luke 1:32-33

I wonder... what do you think is the greatest thing about God?

Pray: Thank you God, for all the great ways you love us.

TUESDAY, DEC 10

Read: Luke 1:34-35

I wonder... what is the biggest surprise you've had?

Pray: Help us God, to be open to being surprised by you!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11

Read: Luke 1:37-38

I wonder... what Mary may have thought about after the angel left?

Pray: Thank you God, that nothing is impossible for you!

THURSDAY, DEC 12

Read: Matthew 1:18-19

I wonder... how Joseph reacted to the news that Mary was pregnant?

Pray: God, help us to trust you, even when things feel really tough.

FRIDAY, DEC 13

Read: Matthew 1:20-21

I wonder... do you know what your name means?

Pray: Thank you for being Immanuel-God with us.



SATURDAY, DEC 14

Read: Matthew 1:22-25

I wonder... what do you think Joseph thought when he first woke up?

Pray: God, help us to listen to your voice, and obey you.

SUNDAY, DEC 15

Read: Luke 1:39-42

I wonder... what it might feel like to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Pray: May we be filled with excitement for you, Lord!

MONDAY, DEC 16

Luke 2:4-5

I wonder... what's the longest trip you have been on?
Pray: We praise you for keeping us safe as we journey through life.



TUESDAY, DEC 17

Read: Luke 2:6-7

I wonder... what would be the worst thing about sleeping in a manger?
Pray: Thank you God, that sometimes you do things in unexpected ways!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

Read: Luke 2:8-9

I wonder... when have you been terrified?
Pray: Help us God, to know that you are with us when we are scared.

THURSDAY, DEC 19

Read: Luke 2:10-11

I wonder... can you imagine being one of the shepherds?
Pray: Thank you God, that you came for all of us.



FRIDAY, DEC 20

Read: Luke 2:13-14

I wonder... what is your favourite Christmas Carol?
Pray: Like the Angels, God we praise you for your goodness!

SATURDAY, DEC 21

Read: Luke 2:15-18

I wonder... who can we tell about Jesus this Christmas?

Pray: God, help us to tell people about you, just like the shepherds did.

SUNDAY, DEC 22

Read: Matthew 2:1-2

I wonder... what emotions do you think the Wise Men felt?

Pray: Thank you God, that you guide us and show us the way in our lives



MONDAY, DEC 23

Read: Matthew 2:10-11

I wonder... what is the best present you've ever received?

Pray: Thank you, for showing us your love by sending your son Jesus.



TUESDAY, DEC 24

Read: Isaiah 9:6

I wonder... what is your favourite thing about Jesus?

Pray: Lord, help us to remember that Jesus was the greatest gift of all.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25

Read: John 1:14

I wonder... how can we remember Jesus in our celebrations today?

Pray: God, thank you for your son Jesus! Help us to always put Him first.



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