

Verses for Advent

The following verses and activities correspond to the detailed plans found at

<http://www.hubbardscupboard.org/christmas.html>

Have a blessed Christmas!

Day	Verse	To Read	Activity
1	Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <i>Isaiah 7:14</i>	Isaiah 7:14 <i>and</i> Isaiah 9:6-7	Set up nativity, Start countdown.
2	But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John." <i>Luke 1:13</i>	Luke 1:5-25	Angel craft
3	But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." <i>Luke 1:30-32a</i>	Luke 1:26-38	Angel craft
4	And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" <i>Luke 1:46-47</i>	Luke 1:39-56	Whisper tube, tambourine, or another instrument
5	And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. <i>Luke 1:76-77</i>	Luke 1:57-80	Matching game, 'Make Straight Paths' booklet or activity
6	She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <i>Matthew 1:21</i>	Matthew 1:18-24	Christmas letter or Wordless book - sharing good news of Jesus
7	And everyone went to his own town to register. <i>Luke 2:3</i>	Luke 2: 1-5 <i>and</i> John 1:1-34 <i>and</i> John 8:12	Light experiment <i>and/or</i> Candle craft

8	<p>She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.</p> <p><i>Luke 2:7</i></p>	Luke 2:6-7	Nativity craft
9	<p>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.</p> <p><i>Luke 2:10-11</i></p>	Luke 2:8-20	Lamb craft
10	<p>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.</p> <p><i>Luke 2:17</i></p>	<u>The Legend of the Candy Cane</u>	Candy Cane craft
11	<p>On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.</p> <p><i>Luke 2:21</i></p>	Luke 2:21-38 and Luke 1:31-32	Decorate Jesus' name
12	<p>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."</p> <p><i>Matthew 2:1-2</i></p>	Matthew 2:1-12	Go on a treasure hunt and/or make a star craft
13	<p>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.</p> <p><i>Matthew 2:11a</i></p>	<u>Little Drummer Boy</u>	Make a gift
14	<p>Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.</p> <p><i>Matthew 2:11b</i></p>	<u>Three Presents for Baby Jesus</u>	Make wrapping paper
15	<p>When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.</p> <p><i>Matthew 2:13</i></p>	Matthew 2:13-23 and Luke 2:39-40	Sing carols and wrap gifts
16	<p>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.</p> <p><i>1 John 4:9</i></p>	1 John 4:9 & John 3:16 <u>Tale of the Three Trees</u>	Make cards - Christmas or thank you

17	<p>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p> <p><i>John 3:16</i></p>	<u>Legend of the Christmas Tree</u>	Christmas Tree craft
18	<p>Jesus is the Son of God</p> <p><i>Acts 9:20b</i></p>	<u>The Pine Tree Parable</u>	Make Ornaments
19	<p>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.</p> <p><i>Psalms 118:29</i></p>	Reread favorites!	Make a wreath. Thank God for His never ending love and for sending Jesus!
20	<p>Your word is truth.</p> <p><i>John 17:17b</i></p>	<u>The Legend of Saint Nicholas: A Christmas Story of Giving</u>	Consider more ways to give and pray for those who are in need.
21	<p>...live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.</p> <p><i>Ephesians 5:2</i></p>	<u>My Merry Christmas and the Real Reason for Christmas Joy</u>	Bake Cookies
22	<p>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.</p> <p><i>Luke 2:20</i></p>	<u>Baby Jesus Is Born</u>	Deliver cookies and sing carols
23	<p>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."</p> <p><i>John 14:6</i></p>	<u>B is for Bethlehem</u>	Retell
24	<p>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p> <p><i>John 1:14</i></p>	<u>The Real Night Before Christmas</u>	Bake a birthday cake for Jesus!
25	<p>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 9:6</i></p>	The Christmas story in Luke and Matthew	Open presents!