

2017 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Set-up and talk about the Nativity scene (or Creche).	4 Read Luke 1:39-45 together. Talk about why Jesus is a special gift.	5 Help make and put up Christmas decorations.	6 Make a paper chain for each day until Christmas. Remove one chain each day until Christmas.	7 Find the town of Bethlehem on a map.	8 Donate clothes or toys (new or gently used)	9 Make Christmas cards. Include Bible verses that express the joy and love of this special season.
10 Donate food to a local food pantry.	11 Cut snowflakes out of paper. Hang them in your window.	12 Draw a picture that tells the Good News of Jesus!	13 Discuss the true meaning of giving during dinner tonight.	14 Make Hot Chocolate and read your favorite Christmas book.	15 Offer to help an older friend with shopping or putting up their tree.	16 Make Christmas cookies and take them to the police or fire station.
17 Take a drive as a family and look at Christmas lights. Sing Christmas carols.	18 Talk about the true meaning of giving.	19 Make a Christmas tree ornament to give to a friend. Read John 1:6-7, 19-28.	20 Say a prayer for hungry people in the world.	21 Visit (or call) someone who is lonely.	22 Watch a favorite Christmas movie. Afterward, talk about where you see God in it.	23 Say a prayer for each person who sent you a Christmas card.
24 Celebrate Christmas Eve by going to worship.	25 Merry Christmas! Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:1-20. Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus!		Additional Idea: Make place cards for your Christmas dinner using Christmas cards you've received.		Created by: Rev. Kathy Pittenger Pastor of Lifelong Faith Formation Central United Methodist Church Waterford, Michigan	