

ADVENT WORSHIP GUIDE



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Celebrating Advent is a great way to make Christ the center of the season. Below is an Advent study my parents used to take our family through each year. Sometimes (many times) my brother and I came to the table half-heartedly. Some weeks we worshiped together every night; Other weeks we weren't quite as successful. I have great memories of our family reading scripture together, praying together, and even singing (*off key!*) together.

These moments helped shape my understanding of the gospel and showed me the blessing and joy of getting to worship as a family. I can still hear my parents' voices singing around the table and I still remember the look on my brother's face as he and I would try to hold back our laughter.

I pray this guide will help provide you and your family with similar memories as you rejoice in the grace provided to us through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. The following advent outline was taken from an article published by Denver Seminary many years ago titled *Making Your Holidays Holy Days*.

Enjoy!

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# MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

Make or purchase an advent wreath and four candles to represent the prophets, angels, shepherds, and wise men. You can use the following colors to represent each, or you may choose one color for them all.

**1 Gold Candle** to represent the Prophets

**1 White Candle** to represent the Angels

**1 Green candle** to represent the Shepherds

**1 Purple candle** to represent the Wise Men

## WEEK 1: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**The Prophets** - Light the Gold candle.

**Sunday:** 2 Peter 1:19-21, Isaiah 7:13-14; Matt. 1:18-23

**Monday:** Hebrews 1:1-3; Isaiah 9:1-7; Matt. 4:13-16

**Tuesday:** Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-11; Acts 26:22-29

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 53; Matt. 27:12-14,38,57-60

**Thursday:** Zech. 9:9; 11:12-13; 12:10; Matt. 21:1-10; 26:15; 27:3-10; John 19:37

**Friday:** Isaiah 42:1-7; Matt. 12:17-21; Luke 2:32

**Saturday:** Psalm 22:1-18; Matt. 27:35-46

## WEEK 2: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

**The Angels** - Light the candle for the prophets (Gold) and the Angels (White).

**Sunday:** Luke 1:5-25 (Zachariah)

**Monday:** Luke 1:26-38 (Mary); Psalm 34:7

**Tuesday:** Matt. 1:18-25 (Joseph)

**Wednesday:** Luke 2:8-20 (shepherds)

**Thursday:** Matt. 2:1-21 (Joseph); Psalm 91:11-12

**Friday:** Matt. 4:11; Luke 22:43; Matt. 28:2-4; Acts 1:10-11; 1 Thess. 4:16-17

**Saturday:** Daniel 7:9-10; Rev. 5:11-12; 2 Thess. 1:7-8; Matt. 24:31

## WEEK 3: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

**The Shepherds** – The shepherds' response to the angelic message was to "make known abroad" what they had heard (Luke 2:17). On this second Sunday before Christmas and throughout the week, add the light of the green shepherds' candle to the other two while you read the following passages.

**Sunday:** Luke 2:1-20

**Monday:** Psalm 23; 79:13; 95:7; 100:3

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 53:6; Matt. 18:11-14; 1 Peter 2:25

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Hebrews 13:20-21

**Thursday:** John 10:1-18, 27-29

**Friday:** Matt. 9:35-38; John 21: 15-17; 1 Peter 5:2-4

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-31

## WEEK 4: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

**The Wise Men** – On the Sunday before Christmas, light all four candles. The evening readings focus on the wise men, wisdom, and the one who is all wise.

**Sunday:** Matt. 2:1-12

**Monday:** James 1:5; 3:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor. 1:17-30

**Wednesday:** Daniel 2:20-30

**Thursday:** 1 Cor. 3:11-23

**Friday:** Job 28:12-28; Psalm 111:10

**Saturday:** Proverbs 1:1-10; Psalm 90:12

## CHRISTMAS EVE / CHRISTMAS MORNING

Over the past several weeks you have noticed your wreath grow brighter and brighter with the lighting of each candle. What a great picture of Jesus and how he has overcome the darkness. With your family read the following passages:

John 8:12; 9:4-5

Matt. 5:14-16

2 Cor. 4:3-6

1 John 1:6-7

