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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

# ADVENT CALENDAR

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Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angel's greeting. *-Do another family member's chore in secret.*

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Gabriel responds to Mary: "Don't be afraid; God is very happy with you!" *-Write a thank you note to your bus driver, garbage truck driver and/or postal carrier.*

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Gabriel tells Mary the special news: She will have a baby boy, and He will be named Jesus. *-Tell each family member one thing you love about them.*

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Gabriel shares more details of God's plan with Mary: "Jesus will be great and will be called God's very own Son!" *-Grab some sidewalk chalk and leave kind messages around your community.*

7

Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby without being married, but the angel Gabriel assures her of a great truth: Nothing is impossible with God. *-Take a family walk. Take turns sharing one of your favorite Christmas memories.*

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"I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen," Mary tells the angel, and he leaves. *-Send an encouraging text to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.*

9

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and is so overwhelmed with God's goodness that she sings a song of praise. *-Find all the spare coins in your house and tape them to vending machines.*

10

Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so he tells all the people to go back to their hometown to be registered and counted. *-Spend the evening without any electronics.*

11

Joseph takes Mary, who is pregnant, to his hometown of Bethlehem to be counted. *-Using painter's tape, tape candy canes to your neighbors garage door or door knob.*

12

While Joseph and Mary are in Bethlehem, the time comes for the baby to be born. *-Make an ornament for your tree using only supplies from your house.*

13

Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else. *-Invite someone to Christmas Eve services.*

14

At night in a nearby field, shepherds are watching their flocks. *-Go look at Christmas lights (walking or driving).*

15

The sky lights up—God has sent an angel to the shepherds to tell them the good news. *-Donate gently used clothes.*

16

When the shepherds see the angel, they're afraid! *-Dance in your kitchen to Christmas music... let loose!*

17

The angel tries to calm the shepherds: "Don't be afraid—I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!" *-Leave a kind note under a family member's pillow.*

18

"A Savior—the Rescuer you have been waiting for is born today!" the angel proclaims to the shepherds. *-Send or post a video of the entire family caroling...who's taking the solo?!*

19

The angel explains the shepherds will find the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. *-Name one good thing that happened today and one thing you're looking forward to tomorrow.*

20

More angels come to celebrate the good news—they arrive at the shepherd's field and begin praising God! *-Pick up any trash you see today.*

21

The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger. *-Send a thank you note to your local fire or police station.*

22

"After they see the baby, the shepherds excitedly go and tell everyone the good news." *-Have a contest to see who can make the most people laugh today.*

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The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they had seen and heard. *-Share your favorite advent calendar day.*

24

Mary names the baby Jesus just as the angel had told her to do. *-Count your blessings: name 3 things you have been blessed by this year.*

25

God has sent His Son to rescue us because He loves us so very much! *-Luke 1:26–2:21 - Go back to Day 1 and read the beautiful story from beginning to end.*

## AN ACTIVITY FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD TO ANTICIPATE THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST.

Gather your family and read the story of God's perfect gift, one day at a time. Then, complete the suggested activity together.

Merry Christmas!