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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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).

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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.

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"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?!

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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.

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"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!