












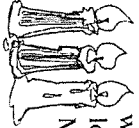
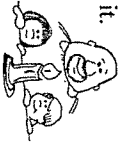





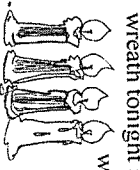
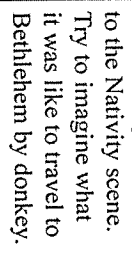






# 2021 Family Advent calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b> Make and bless an Advent violet wreath. Light the first violet candle tonight and each night this week.</p> 	<p><b>29</b> Read about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in Luke 1:5-25.</p> 	<p><b>30</b> Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who hurt you.</p> 	<p><b>1</b> Set up your family Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Make cookies to bring to a nearby nursing home.</p> 	<p><b>3</b> Cut and paste pictures from old Christmas cards into ornaments for this year's tree.</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Attend Confession as a family and go out for a treat afterward to celebrate forgiveness!</p> 
<p><b>5</b> Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Show love on St. Nicholas Day by filling an old shoe with treats and leaving it outside someone's door.</p> 	<p><b>7</b> Read about the angel's visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say "yes" to God.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>
<p><b>12</b> Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. See who can sing loudest at Mass today.</p> 	<p><b>13</b> Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p> 	<p><b>14</b> Place the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the scene.</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming. Read them aloud on Christmas Eve.</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p> 	<p><b>17</b> <i>Family Movie Night:</i> Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie.</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree. Stand back and admire your work.</p> 
<p><b>19</b> Light all four candles in the wreath tonight and all week.</p> 	<p><b>20</b> Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.</p> 	<p><b>21</b> Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Light it at Christmas dinner.</p> 	<p><b>22</b> Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready for the Baby.</p> 	<p><b>24</b> Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20.</p> 