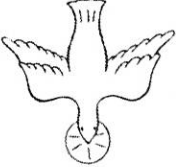




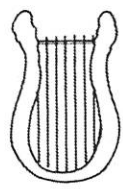









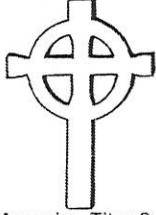
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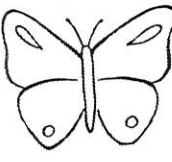





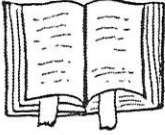


JAN. 5  Read — Eph. 1:3-6	JAN. 6 — Epiphany  Read — Matt. 2:1-12
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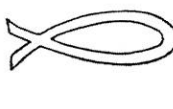

JAN. 2  Read — Col. 3:12-17	JAN. 3  Forgive Someone	JAN. 4  Show love for others
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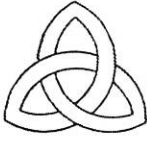
DEC. 29  Read — Ps. 96	DEC. 30  Learn — Luke 2:52	DEC. 31 Watch Night  Read — Eph. 1:15-18	JAN. 1  Memorize Eph. 1:3
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DEC. 24 Christmas Eve  Read — Luke 2:1-20	DEC. 25 Christmas Day  Invite Jesus Into Your Heart	DEC. 26  Memorize — Luke 2:10-11	DEC. 27  Read — Isaiah 9:2-7	DEC. 28  Memorize Titus 2:11
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DEC. 19  Read — Luke 1:39-45	DEC. 20  Read Luke 1:46-55	DEC. 21  Tell what God has done	DEC. 22  Read — Heb. 10:5-10	DEC. 23  Read — Titus 2:11-14
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DEC. 14  Do something for someone today	DEC. 15  Read — Luke 3:15-18	DEC. 16  Tell someone the Good News	DEC. 17  Read — Micah 5:2-5a	DEC. 18  Pray for Peace
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DEC. 8  Read — Luke 3:1-6	DEC. 9  Read — Isaiah 12:2-6	DEC. 10  Sing "Jesus Loves Me"	DEC. 11  Read — Zeph. 3:14-20	DEC. 12  Pray for the oppressed	DEC. 13  Read — Phil. 4:8-9
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DEC. 1  Read — Jer. 33:14-16	DEC. 2  Read — Ps. 25:1-10	DEC. 3  Read Malachi 3:1	DEC. 4  Ask God to help you be patient	DEC. 5  Read — Phil. 1:3-11	DEC. 6  Pray for Someone	DEC. 7  Read — I Thes. 3:9-13
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Do the suggested activity for each day and color the picture.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CALENDAR YEAR C

Advent is the first liturgical season of the Christian year. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November 30 and ends on December 24. The four Sundays before Christmas are the Sundays of Advent. "Advent" means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus historically and in our hearts. During Advent we prepare for the coming and celebration of Jesus' birth.

This calendar features an Advent wreath on December 25. You may wish to mark the Sundays of Advent by coloring one candle in the outer circle. Color the candles for the first two Sundays and the fourth Sunday purple. Purple, the color of Advent symbolizes penance and royalty. Color the candle for the third Sunday pink, the color of joy.

- Dec. 1 STAR OF DAVID – In shape of David's shield. Six points represent the 6 days of creation.
- Dec. 2 TABLETS OF STONE with the Ten Commandments.
- Dec. 3 RAINBOW – Sign of the Covenant.
- Dec. 4 EMPTY STOCKING – Suggests waiting patiently.
- Dec. 5 CHURCH – Represents the Body of Christ today.
- Dec. 6 PRAYING HANDS – Symbol of prayer.
- Dec. 7 TRIQUETRA – Symbol of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- Dec. 8 EVERGREEN TREE – Reminds us of the gift of light.
- Dec. 9 HAND OF GOD – Earliest symbol for God, the Creator.
- Dec. 10 SIGN LANGUAGE for "I love you".
- Dec. 11 HAPPY FACE – Expresses joy.
- Dec. 12 FISH – Secret symbol of identity used by early persecuted Christians.
- Dec. 13 LAMP – Symbol of knowledge and wisdom gained from the Holy Scriptures.
- Dec. 14 GIFTS – Used here to represent gifts from God to use for others.
- Dec. 15 ESCALLOP SHELL with Drops of Water – Symbolizes our Lord's Baptism.
- Dec. 16 OPEN BIBLE – Symbol for the Word of God.
- Dec. 17 THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM.
- Dec. 18 OLIVE BRANCH – Symbol for peace, harmony and healing.
- Dec. 19 MARY'S JOURNEY TO VISIT ELIZABETH.
- Dec. 20 IRIS – Symbol of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
- Dec. 21 BELL – Symbol for sounding forth the Word and the need to prioritize things of God over the secular.
- Dec. 22 BUTTERFLY – Symbol of resurrection and eternal life.
- Dec. 23 TRUMPET – Symbol for the day of judgement, the resurrection and the call to worship.
- Dec. 24 THE MANGER – Suggests simplicity and poverty surrounding Jesus' birth and life.

Christmastide begins on December 25 and lasts 12 days. "Christmas" comes from the phrase "Christ's Mass" and is the season to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

- Dec. 25 ADVENT WREATH – Symbol of eternal Life. Light the 5th (white center) candle,
THE CHRIST CANDLE – Symbol of Christ entering the world.
- Dec. 26 ANGEL AND SHEPHERD'S STAFF – Represents the angel announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds.
- Dec. 27 CHRISTMAS ROSE – Symbol of the Nativity and messianic promise.
- Dec. 28 CELTIC CROSS (Iona Cross) – signifies eternal redemption secured by Christ's death on the cross.
- Dec. 29 HARP – Symbol of music given in praise to God.
- Dec. 30 DAISY – Symbolizes the innocence of the Holy Child.
- Dec. 31 CANDLE – Symbol of Christ, "The Light of the World".
- Jan. 1 HAND OF GOD – Symbol of God as Blessor.
- Jan. 2 TORCH – Symbol of witnessing for Christ.
- Jan. 3 HOLLY – Symbol of Christmas, the crown of thorns, the Passion of Christ.
- Jan. 4 HEART – Symbol of Christian love and service.
- Jan. 5 DESCENDING DOVE – Symbol for Holy Spirit and presence of God.
- Jan. 6 THE MAGI – Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, the gifts of the Wise Men.

Epiphany begins on January 6 and lasts until Lent begins. Epiphany celebrates Christ's manifestation to all people of the world. The Wise Men represent the first who saw Jesus and began telling others of the Messiah whom they had found.