

# ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR FAMILY

## **Day One**

***The Messiah will come to crush Satan . . .***

### **Old Testament Prophecy:**

“So the Lord God said to the serpent (Satan) . . . “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (God is promising to send Jesus. Jesus is the one who will crush Satan.)

Genesis 3:14-15

## **Day Two**

***The Messiah will come to crush Satan . . .***

### **New Testament Fulfillment:**

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death . . . that is, the devil.”

Hebrews 2:14

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

1 John 3:8

### **Day Three**

Make a card, write a letter, or draw a picture for someone who needs encouragement . . . someone in the hospital, a child whose parents have recently divorced, or a recovering soldier, etc.

For soldiers, send to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes

P.O. Box 5456

Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

### **Day Four**

***He will be a descendant of Abraham . . .***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy:**

“I will make you (Abraham) exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.”

Genesis 17:6-7

“But God said, “No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son; and you shall call his name Isaac, and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.”

Genesis 17:19

## **Day Five**

***He will be a descendant of Abraham . . .***

### **New Testament Fulfillment:**

“So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.”

Matthew 1:17

## **Day Six**

Make a cup of hot cocoa. Have each family member count out 14 marshmallows and put them in their cup. Review the Old Testament prophecy, recall each of the 14 generations in Jesus genealogy, and discuss the fact that God always keeps his promises. (Read Numbers 23:19; Psalm 145:13)

## **Day Seven**

***A child will be born . . .***

### **Old Testament Prophecy:**

“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace .”

Isaiah 9:6

## **Day Eight**

***A child will be born . . .***

### **New Testament Fulfillment:**

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”  
Luke 2:11

## **Day Nine**

Today - help other babies. Go through all of the purses and change jars in your house. Collect all the dimes and donate them to the March of Dimes. Or go to the store and shop for baby items to donate to your local pregnancy center.

## **Day Ten**

Read Zechariah's song in Luke 1:67-79. Find a way to bring a smile to someone's face today. Why not see how many people you can bring joy to with random acts of kindness.

### **Day Eleven**

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”  
Galatians 4:4-5

### **Day Twelve**

Check out some ministries that help orphaned and vulnerable children. Determine a way to help one of them by sponsoring a child, making a financial donation, praying for their ministry, or donating supplies. (Some ideas: Watoto Child Care Ministries ([watoto.com](http://watoto.com)); Compassion International ([compassion.com](http://compassion.com)); World Vision ([worldvision.org](http://worldvision.org)); Danita's Children ([danitaschildren.org](http://danitaschildren.org)); As Our Own ([asourown.org](http://asourown.org)); Tiny Hands International ([tinyhandsinternational.org](http://tinyhandsinternational.org)); Children's HopeChest.

### **Day Thirteen**

***He will be born in the town of Bethlehem and will be from the tribe of Judah . . .***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy:**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clan of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times . . .” Micah 5:2-5

### **Day Fourteen**

***He will be born in the town of Bethlehem and will be from the tribe of Judah . . .***

#### **New Testament Fulfillment:**

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world . . . So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:1, 4-7

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?” Matthew 2:1-6

“For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah . . .” Hebrews 7:14

### **Day Fifteen**

Say at least one nice thing to affirm and encourage one of your friends and each of your family members today.

### **Day Sixteen**

***Kings will bring him gifts and fall down and worship him . . .***

#### **Old Testament Prophecy:**

“The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.”

Psalm 72:10

### **Day Seventeen**

***Kings will bring him gifts and fall down and worship him . . .***

#### **New Testament Fulfillment:**

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem . . . On coming to the house, they saw the child

with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:1-11

### **Day Eighteen**

Identify a single mom (or a new mom) you'd like to do something nice for. Plan what you want to do for her. (Bake bread for her family, give her some luxurious lotion, buy her a gift card to a local grocery store, anonymously pay one of her bills, babysit her kids so she can go shopping, wrap gifts for her, etc.)

### **Day Nineteen**

***God shall dwell among his people . . .***

**Old Testament Prophecy:** “Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” declares the Lord.”  
Zechariah 2:10

## **Day Twenty**

***God shall dwell among his people . . .***

**New Testament Fulfillment:** “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

## **Day Twenty-One**

Give the gift of your time. Be present with someone today. Visit residents at a nursing home and hand out candy canes, help at a food pantry, volunteer to ring the Salvation Army bell as a family, or invite someone to your house for dinner (or cookies) who may not have family close by.

## **Day Twenty-Two**

***He will be a Shepherd to his people . . .***

**Old Testament Prophecy:** “Behold, the Lord God will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him . . . Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.”

Isaiah 40:10-11



### **Day Twenty-Three**

***He will be a Shepherd to his people . . .***

**New Testament Fulfillment:** “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

### **Day Twenty-Four**

Attend a Christmas Eve service at a local church. When you arrive home tonight, turn off all lamps and overhead lights. Plug in the Christmas tree lights. Light a fire and/or a candle. Read the Christmas story together as a family.

### **Day Twenty-Five**

Bake a birthday cake and sing happy birthday to Jesus. Show love to everyone you spend time with today just as God showed his love to us through the birth of his son.