

Advent 2020 - Family Activities

Day	Activity	Needed Materials	Instructions
11/29	Advent Activities	Formed.org (Register for free!)	Click here to have adult and children's activities sent to you!
11/29	Build Your Own Advent Wreath	- Paper plate - 4 toilet paper tubes - green, purple, pink, and yellow crayons - glue - scissors - this sheet for candles and leaves	- Each child can make their own, or you can make one for the family - Have the child color the entire wreath, build it, and then fold down the flames - Each week, read the scripture on the candle as a family. Take turns having a child "light" a candle.
12/1	Days of Advent Video (K-4)	Formed.org (Register for free!)	Watch video each day here . (2019 resource, but still great!) <u>- This is a daily activity for the 25 days of December.</u>
12/1	Family advent journal	- Journal - crayons - pen/pencil	- Print one for each child or read and answer as a family - <u>This is a daily activity for the 25 days of December.</u>
12/6	Letter St. Nicholas (and shoe treats)	- Story of St. Nicholas (FYI parents - last page explains how he "became" Santa) - Paper and pencil for letters - child's shoe - carrot for donkey - orange, candy cane, chocolate, etc. for morning treat	- Read the story as a family - Before bed, have each child write a letter to the Christ Child about what kinds of things they are doing in advent to prepare for his birth. - Have them place the letter and a carrot in their shoe. - Before morning, replace the letter and carrot with an orange and some candy.
12/13	Replace "Elf on a Shelf" with "Wandering Wisemen"	Read MT 2:1-12 Have your kids help make the three wisemen using the following: - Three toilet paper tubes - colored paper/paint - markers/crayons - "Jewels" or "treasure"	- Move the wisemen around the house as they search for Jesus. - Get as creative as you like with their antics. - Have them find Jesus on the Epiphany (1/6/2021) as a way to fully celebrate the season
12/20	Watch a Movie & Build a Nativity	Brother Francis - What Christmas is all About (K-5) (Formed.org) Mary of Nazareth (grade 6-adult) (Formed.org) - Print these pages (1 per child) - crayons, scissors, glue	- Pop some popcorn and settle in to watch a Christmas movie about the meaning of the Incarnation! - Have each child create their own nativity to prepare for Jesus.

