



Advent Calendar

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- **Text in this font is for intermediate readers.**
- *Bible verses in this font are for advanced readers.*

Read one card per day starting December 1st through Christmas day on December 25th



God made me perfect.

From the very beginning of time God had a plan for all of us. A plan to show us how much he loves us.

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14*



When I sin, I can tell God I am sorry.

We all sin sometimes. Sin is when we don't behave the way God wants us to behave.

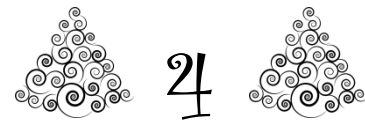
*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9*



God has a plan to save us.

God promised us that he would send a man to bring peace to the entire world.

*The Lord says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times." So the Lord will abandon his people to their enemies until the woman who is to give birth has her son. Then those Israelites who are in exile will be reunited with their own people. When he comes, he will rule his people with the strength that comes from the Lord and with the majesty of the Lord God himself. His people will live in safety because people all over the earth will acknowledge his greatness, and he will bring peace.
Micah 5:2-5*



God said a young girl will have a baby.

God promised us he would fix the world that is full of sin. He would send a baby that would be called "Immanuel" which means "God with us".

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:14*



An angel came to a girl named Mary

**Mary is a young girl who will soon marry a
man named Joseph.**

*God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in
Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man
named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's
name was Mary.
Luke 1:26-27*



The angel told Mary "God is with you".

Mary wondered why the angel came to see her.

*The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you
who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."
Mary was greatly troubled at his words and
wondered what kind of greeting this might be.
Luke 1:28-29*



The angel told Mary not to be scared.

**The angel said she will have a baby soon
and will name him Jesus.**

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary;
you have found favor with God. You will conceive
and give birth to a son, and you are to call him
Jesus.
Luke 1:30-31*



The baby will be the son of God.

God will make him a king.

*He will be great and will be called the Son of
the Most High. The Lord God will give him
the throne of his father David.
Luke 1:32*



Mary trusts God.

Mary will help God's plan to save the world from sin.

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.
"May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the
angel left her.
Luke 1:38*



We can trust God.

Just like Mary, if we listen to God, he will help us, even if we don't understand his plan.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6*



The King wanted to count all the people.

The people had to go to the town they were born to be counted.

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that
a census should be taken of the entire Roman
world. And everyone went to their own town to
register.
Luke 2:1, 2:3*



Soon Mary will have her baby.

Mary and Joseph obey the king and go to the town of Bethlehem.

*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.
Luke 2:4-5*



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Mary had her baby!

When they arrived in the town, there was no room for them in a house or inn so they put the baby in a manger.

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
Luke 2:6-7*



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God's plan has come true!

The King who was promised to all of us long ago has been born!

*For to 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*



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An angel came to see some sheep farmers.

The shepherds were scared, but the angels had good news.

*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 the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
Luke 2:8-10*



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The baby will save us all from our sin.

The angel told the shepherds a savior had been born.

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:11-12*



Many angels come.

The angels came to see the shepherds and they all praised God.

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
Luke 2:13-14*



The sheep farmers plan to go see the baby.

They find Mary, Joseph and the baby exactly the way the angels said they would.

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,
Luke 2:15-17*



The shepherds thank God for the baby.

The shepherds go home happy they have seen the baby and praising God his promises have come true.

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.
Luke 2:20*



Wise men want to see the baby.

Wise men from far away come and ask King Herod where to find the baby.

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."
Matt 2:1-2*



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The King is not happy.

**King Herod is jealous when the people tell him
this new baby will be king.**

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matt 2:3-6



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A star shows the men the way to the baby.

The King tells the wise men to go find the baby.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Matt 2:8-9



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The wise men are happy to find the baby and give him gifts.

**The wise men decide not to tell King Herod
where to find the baby Jesus.**

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matt 2:10-12



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If we tell God we are sorry, he will forgive our sins.

**Jesus is the baby God promised us. Jesus
had to suffer so that we can be forgiven
for our sins.**

But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Acts 3:18-19



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God loves us all so much that
he gave us the best gift ever-
His son Jesus.

*If we believe in God, and in Jesus we will
live forever.*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*



*Thanks be to
God for his
indescribable
gift!*

2 Corinthians 9:15