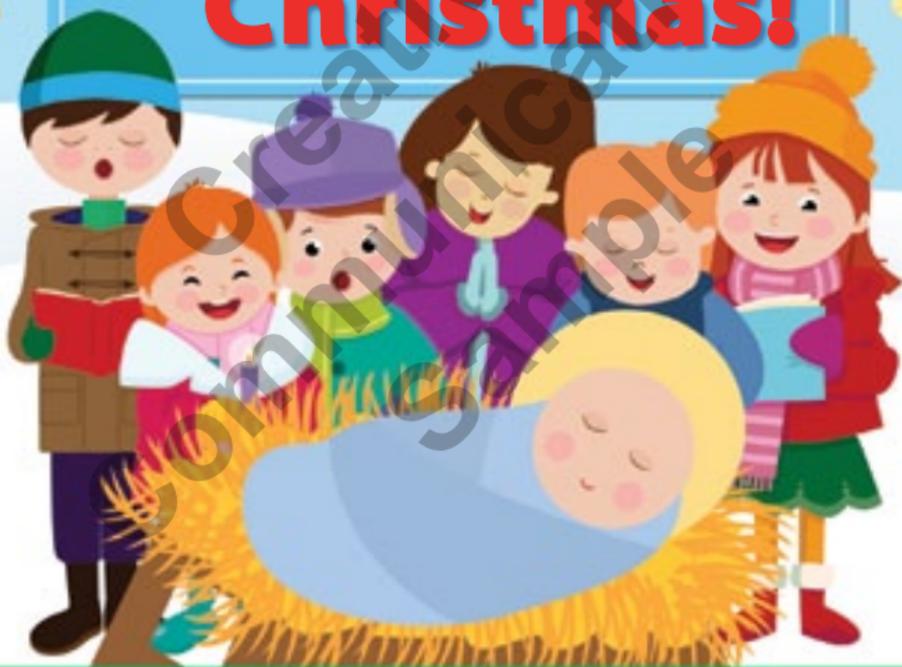




Sing

a Song of
Christmas!



Daily Devotions for Children
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First Sunday of Advent

Waiting for Jesus

Romans 5:18

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve ate the fruit God told them not to eat. They knew they had sinned by disobeying God. God promised that a Savior would come to erase the sin and bring them close to him again.

People were surprised when they saw Baby Jesus and found out he was the promised Savior. They had waited so long, it was hard to believe he was finally there.

We still talk about Jesus coming to Earth. We know that some day Jesus will come again. This time, he will be grown up. He will take all Christians to his home in heaven, where He is King Jesus.

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.**

First Monday of Advent

Prepare My Heart

Psalm 98:4-8

How do we get ready, or prepare, for a big event? It depends what the big event is. If we have to play in a soccer game, we need the practice a lot and have the right gear. If we go to a birthday party, we need to make time in our schedules and buy a present.

What do we do to prepare for Christmas? We have Advent! Advent means "someone special is coming." When we know someone special is coming to our houses, we clean to get everything ready. Then, we wait for them to arrive.

In this devotion book, you'll have lots of chances to get your heart ready for the Baby Jesus.

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing!**

First Tuesday of Advent

Come See Jesus

Luke 2:15

When someone is at your door, waiting to come in, what do you do? Most people get up and walk (or run) to the door. When we know someone special is coming, we are very excited and may run and squeal as we greet them.

Jesus came down to earth and was born in Bethlehem. The angels made the announcement that the Savior had been born. Many went to greet him. Shepherds out in the fields nearby saw him. They worshipped him. Then they told more people. Although the Bible doesn't say, we can imagine that others visited that same night.

We can come to Jesus during Advent when we pray, sing, read the Bible, and go to church.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.



First Wednesday of Advent

John Prepared People

Matthew 3:1-6

Parents often send out announcements when they have a baby. It's not usually a surprise to anyone. They knew the family had been expecting the child.

God sent John on a mission. Before Jesus started preaching and doing miracles, John prepared people. He told them the Lord was coming. John reminded them about God's promise to send a Savior. He also told them they needed to turn away from their sins and be baptized. They needed to be ready for Jesus, the Savior from sin.

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!**



Sing a Song...

Advent helps us prepare for Christmas. We look at our lives and our thoughts. God's Word tells us to be ready for Jesus. We read more, so we can understand why Jesus came to Earth as a tiny baby and what it means for each of us.

These devotions will help us as we think about everything around Christmas, especially the music. There are so many Advent and Christmas songs and hymns, we can focus on one each day from now until December 25. They will help us learn more about ourselves and our Savior.

Read the Bible verses and devotions. Then, either sing the songs or listen to them. You may learn new things and sing new songs. God will create a new heart within you.



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