

# December 2024

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## Sunday

**1** Light one candle today. The candle is for hope.

**8** Light two candles today. One for hope and one for peace.

**15** Light three candles today. One for hope. One for peace. One for joy.

**22** Light four candles today. One for hope. One for peace. One for joy. One for love.

**29** Light five candles. Do you remember what each represents? Hope, peace, joy, love and Jesus are here!

**5** Today is the last Sunday to light the Christmas and Christ candles! Give thanks to God for the season.

## Monday

**2** Prayer: Thank you God for the season of Advent. Be with us as we journey to the birth of Jesus!

**9** The word 'peace' by itself can be a prayer. Try it! Close your eyes and fold your hands. Say 'peace, peace.'

**16** Draw a picture of someone who makes you happy!

**23** What does Jesus teach us about love?

**30** Try to sit in silence today for two whole minutes! Was it hard?

**6** Make a paper star and write a word to guide you for 2025 on it!

## Tuesday

**3** Make a collage of things you are grateful for to look at during advent.

**10** Go outside and close your eyes. How many sounds do you hear?

**17** Prayer: God, please be with those who need extra joy during this season.

**24** Light all four candles (hope, peace, joy and love) along with a fifth candle for Jesus.

**31** Write a letter to God about all of your hopes and dreams for the next year.

## Wednesday

**4** What does it mean to hope for something? What does the word hope mean?

**11** Gratitude cafe! Drink hot chocolate and talk about what you are grateful for.

**18** What brings you joy?

**25** Prayer: God, please help us to show love to one another each and every day!

**1** Prayer: God, we ask you to guide our steps and hearts as we move into a new year!

## Thursday

**5** Prayer: We pray for hope in our world, and especially for those who need extra hope.

**12** Prayer: God, please help us to be peacemakers during Advent and always.

**19** Are there special lights in your house this Advent? Look at them and remember Jesus is the light of the world!

**26** Sing all of your favorite Christmas songs today!

**2** Write a note to someone that you love. Tell them why you love them!

## Friday

**6** Listen to the song 'O Come O Come Immanuel.' What does it mean?

**13** Make a paper chain to count down the rest of the days until Christmas Day!

**20** In the Northern Hemisphere, the days are getting shorter. Is that true for you? What time do stars come out?

**27** Make a list of all of the things you would like to remember from this Advent and Christmas until now.

**3** It's still the season of Christmas! Does it feel like Christmas in your heart?

## Saturday

**7** Give a donation of food, clothes, toys, money, or prayers to an organization that needs it.

**14** Make Christmas cards to send to people who might not get a lot of cards.

**21** Bake or buy a Christmas treat for a neighbor.

**28** Write a thank you note to someone in your community that works hard to serve others.

**4** If you or a neighbor is getting ready to put away decorations, you can help with this today!

## ABOUT THIS CALENDAR!

Spending just a few minutes each day on faith practices can create meaningful memories and a holy Advent. Let this calendar be your guide and inspiration. Do the activities as you can and as time and space allow. When you miss a day, pick it back up the next day. Activities rotate between a variety of different options to give you a taste for the variety of faith practices you can experience together. The activities are suggestions. Feel free to make your own practices and incorporate your own traditions. This calendar was made by Traci Smith, author of Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas. Copyright 2024, Traci Smith. All Rights Reserved Worldwide. Used by permission. [www.tracismith.com](http://www.tracismith.com)





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