


# GRACE KIDS ADVENT CALENDAR DECEMBER 2018

We hope this calendar of activities helps your family enjoy the hope and joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

						<p><b>1</b> Play Christmas music and have a family sing-a-long when you hear a familiar song.</p>
<p><b>2</b> Choose one item each day to give away. Designate collection bins for food, clothing, or toys.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Read the nativity story in a children's Bible and count how many angels are in the story.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Act out the story of Jesus' birth. Make costumes, assign parts, or use toys as the characters.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Use craft supplies to create your own wrapping paper or gift bags.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Make or shop for a Christmas gift for someone special.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Ask each person in your family "What is the best Christmas gift you've ever received?"</p>	<p><b>8</b> Write "thank you" notes for gifts you've received or to a community helper. Mail or deliver them.</p>
<p><b>9</b> Make a Christmas treat and add a food item to your collection to give away.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Throw a birthday party for Jesus! Dress up, eat cake and sing "Happy Birthday!"</p>	<p><b>11</b> Use Christmas cookie cutters, ribbon, and clay or playdough to make ornaments to give as gifts.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Ask each person in your family "What is your favorite Christmas treat?"</p>	<p><b>13</b> Use craft supplies to make a manger scene with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Read a children's book about the nativity. Talk about how the characters felt at different times.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Deliver Christmas treats or ornaments to friends or neighbors.</p>
<p><b>16</b> Play in the snow! If there is no snow, make your own using corn-starch and shaving cream.</p>	<p><b>17</b> Drink hot cocoa and add a food item to your collection to give away.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Cut out paper snowflakes and decorate your home's windows.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Bundle up, go for a walk, and pray for your neighborhood.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Make invitations for friends, neighbors or family members to join you at church on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Deliver invitations and make plans to attend Christmas Eve at Grace Church.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Set up a nativity scene using toys or items from around the house.</p>
<p><b>23</b> Drive around to look at Christmas lights.</p>	<p><b>24</b> Read the nativity story again, looking for the star over Bethlehem.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Merry Christmas! Thank God for sending His son Jesus to Earth.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Make space for new clothes and gifts by adding to your collection to give away.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Bundle up and go star-gazing. Remember that God made the world and loves us.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Have each family member say something encouraging to each other.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pray for the friends or neighbors you invited to Christmas Eve and invite them again.</p>
<p><b>30</b> Donate the items you've been collecting.</p>	<p><b>31</b> Think back on 2018. Make a list of things for which you're thankful or ways you saw God move.</p>					