



Advent 2020

Gather around every day this month to read
the story of how God sent joy to the world
with the gift of His Son, Jesus.
While you're at it, spread some
joy of your own as a family!



Day 1

A young couple, Mary and Joseph, get engaged.

Kick off the month with
hot chocolate for everyone.
Take turns talking about your
favorite Christmases of the past.

Day 2

One day, God sends the angel, Gabriel, to Mary. Gabriel has some very special news!

Ask everyone to choose someone, and write a personalized Christmas card to them. Put each card in an envelope, address and stamp them, and mail them.

Day 3

**Mary is greatly troubled
when she hears the angel's greeting.**

Decorate your bedroom doors with
wrapping paper, and put up a sign
with a Christmas greeting.



Day 4

**Gabriel responds
to Mary, saying:
“Don’t be afraid.
God is very happy with you!”**

Take a car ride or walk on foot
to see Christmas lights and
decorations in your
neighborhood or community.



Day 5

**Gabriel tells Mary
the special news:
She will have a baby boy, and
the baby will be named Jesus.**

Clean out the toy bins,
closets, and drawers.
Donate items to a local shelter
or thrift store.



Day 6

**Gabriel shares with Mary
more details of God's plan:
"Jesus will be great and
will be called God's very own son!"**

Have a family picnic
in front of the Christmas tree.

Day 7

Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby without being married, but the angel, Gabriel, assures her of a great truth: Nothing is impossible with God.

Read a Christmas book or google a story online. Read it aloud together.

Day 8

“I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen,” Mary tells the angel, and he leaves.

Hide candy canes around your house. Have a family candy cane hunt, and see who can collect the most.



Day 9

**Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth,
and is so overwhelmed with God's
goodness, she sings a song of praise.**

Have a gift wrapping competition.
Who can wrap the fastest?

Day 10

Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so he tells all the people to go back to their hometown to be registered and counted.

Google search Christmas traditions around the world, and ask your family to vote on a new tradition to adopt.



Day 11

**Joseph brings Mary, who is pregnant,
to his hometown of Bethlehem
to be counted.**

Gather your extra towels
and blankets, and wash and dry them.
Then, as a family, go together to donate
them to an animal shelter.



Day 12

**While Joseph and Mary are
in Bethlehem, the time comes
for the baby to be born.**

Eat dinner together by candlelight
or Christmas lights.

Day 13

Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths, and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else.

Grab some stuffed animals and towels or small blankets. Search how to swaddle a baby. Encourage everyone to try swaddling. Have a contest to see whose is best!



Day 14

**At night in a nearby field,
shepherds are watching their flocks.**

Bundle up and go outside
after nightfall. Look at the stars—
those are the same stars the shepherds
saw in the sky the night Jesus was born.



Day 15

**The sky lights up—
God has sent an angel to the
shepherds to tell them
the good news of Jesus' birth.**

Ask everyone to sign a family
“Thank You” card to your mail carrier.
Feel free to add a bottle of water and
a \$10 gift card for lunch!



Day 16

**When the shepherds
see the angel, they're afraid!**

Get those phones ready
and have a silly,
Christmas-themed photoshoot.

Day 17

**The angel tries to calm the shepherds, saying:
“Don’t be afraid. I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!”**

Create a playlist using everyone’s favorite Christmas song. Then, crank up the volume, press play, and have a family dance party!



Day 18

**“A Savior, the Rescuer
you have been waiting for,
is born today!” the angel proclaims
to the shepherds.**

Grab blankets and popcorn,
and have a Christmas movie
marathon together.



Day 19

**The angel explains the shepherds
will find the Savior, a baby,
wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger.**

The big day is almost here! To prepare,
turn up the Christmas music, assign chores,
and clean the house from top to bottom.



Day 20

**More angels come to celebrate
the good news—they arrive
at the shepherd's field
and begin praising God!**

Declare today is Red and Green Day!
Tell everyone to dress in all red
and green—even if it doesn't match!



Day 21

The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger.

Break out the cookie cutters, and bake Christmas cookies together.



Day 22

**After they see the baby, the shepherds
excitedly go and tell the good news
to everyone they see!**

Call or FaceTime a family member and
sing them a Christmas carol.



Day 23

**The shepherds return
to their flocks, praising God
for all they have seen and heard.**

Enjoy a family board game night
in front of the Christmas tree.



Day 24

**Mary names the baby Jesus,
just as the angel told her to do.**

Choose a scene from
the Christmas story, assign roles,
and act it out.



Day 25

**God has sent Jesus to rescue us
because God loves us so very much!**

Read the story of Jesus' birth
from Luke 1:26–2:21.

Remember the greatest gift of all—
the hope we have in our Savior, Jesus!