## Advent Calendar for Young Children

Thank you for downloading this Children's Advent Calendar!

(and their families!)

This calendar was created to best suit children ages 3 - 9. Cut out the strips and glue the ends of the first one together to make a ring. Then thread the second strip through the first ring and glue the ends together to make a chain link. Repeat for all other strips.

Count down to Christmas by removing a link each day and completing the suggested task.

Enjoy and have a blessed Advent



**Advent Begins-** Light the first Advent candle. Say a special prayer for families who do not have enough this advent season.

#### Stay Awake! Be Ready!

Make an Advent promise that will help you prepare for Jesus's coming.

Keep the season in mind! Color an Advent themed picture to hang on the fridge.

Act of Kindness. Do a chore for a parent or sibling today.

## Read a bible story today.

#### Feast of St. Nicholas

Celebrate by donating something to someone in need.

#### Take time to thank God.

Make a list of the blessings in your life and really be thankful.

#### Second Sunday of Advent - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Light the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle. Mary was conceived without original sin. Say a Hail Mary with your family today.

### Spread God's Love.

Smile at everyone you see today.

Make Christmas cards for special people in your life. Mail or deliver them.

Act of Kindness - Pick up trash everywhere you see it today.

Call a grandparent or a far-away relative to say hello.

#### Make Room for Jesus.

Clean your room of toys and clothes you don't use and donate them.

### Soak in the joy of the season.

Watch a Christmas Movie!

#### **Third Sunday of Advent -** Light the 3<sup>rd</sup> Candle.

Rejoice the Lord is coming! Enjoy Christmas lights across town.

# Enjoy time with family. Play a game or just spend time together.

Take an extra moment to pray for community and world leaders.

May they make wise decisions to help all people.

#### Be a Positive Influence

Share with a friend, brother, or sister while playing today.

Christmas is almost here! Are all the decorations up? Set up the nativity if you haven't, else make a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy the décor.

Make a Christmas tree ornament to remember this year.

Pray for your loved ones today. May all travelers be safe this holiday season.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Make cookies and treats to share with family and friends.

Enjoy the lights on the Christmas tree. Sing Christmas carols.

For God so Loved the World...

Read the Christmas story.

## **Merry Christmas!**

Joy to the World!

Jesus is born!

Celebrate God's amazing love with ALL!