

Merry Christmas!

We're so happy to have you join us this Christmas season in spending some time in the word of God and reading the story of the birth of our King Jesus.

We've created a 25 day reading plan to remember the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate it. Yes all the food and gifts are great, the family time too, but the real reason is to celebrate the GREATEST gift of all, Jesus Christ!

We hope you enjoy this time reading through the birth of Christ, but we wanted to include something else as well, two things actually.

Two different types of advent calendars!

We've created two different advent calendars for you to enjoy with your family. The first one is a walk through the birth of Jesus, a "Bible verse paper chain advent".

It's great to do as a family!

The second is an Advent Village.

This one is filled with fun activities to do as a family.

*Jesus and Lemons wishes you and your family a very merry Christmas!
May God bless you.*

Bible verse paper chain Advent.

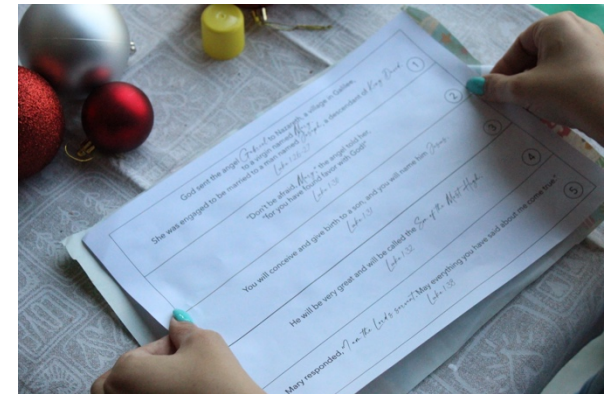
What you'll need.

1. Wrapping paper.
2. Scissors .
3. Glue/Double sided tape.
4. Printed Advent paper chain.



What to do.

1. Print you advent paper chain.
2. Cut your wrapping paper to fit an A4 page, you'll need 5 sheets.
3. Stick each page on the wrapping paper.
4. Cut each day of the advent calendar, you'll have 25 strips.





How it works.

1. Every day you'll read one strip, following the days leading up to Christmas day.
2. Once you've read for that day you'll glue both ends together, making a ring.
3. As you go through the days you'll join each strip together, linking them to one another (as seen in the pictures).
4. As you have read one each day and linked them together, by the 25th of December you should have one long chain.
5. You can then drape your chain on your tree or anywhere else in the house as decoration.



We created this Advent calendar to do something that includes Jesus in every day leading to His birth. As a reminder about what Christmas is all about, Who Christmas is all about.

Enjoy it with your family!

FIND THE PAPER CHAIN ADVENT CALENDAR AT THE END OF THIS ATTACHMENT.



Advent Village Calendar.



What you'll need.

1. 25 printed houses, on cardboard.
2. Printed daily activity.
3. Scissors and glue.
4. A punch.
5. Ribbon or twine.
6. Markers/pens.

What to do.

1. Print your 25 advent houses on cardboard.
2. Cut each house.
3. With your marker or pen, number each house (1 to 25), feel free to colour and decorate the houses.
4. Fold each house on the fold lines (dotted lines).
5. Glue the house together accordingly.
6. Once all your houses are built fill each one with one "daily activity".
7. Day 1 should have the card "Join in on our reading plan" and day 25 should have "Merry Christmas"
8. Each other day can have whichever card.





How to close your village house..

1. Once you've folded and glued each house together add in the "Daily activity".
2. Bring the 2 squares together, the triangles should go in between them, and punch a hole.
3. Thread through you ribbon or twine.
4. Make a knot to close off the twine, leave enough space to allow the house to be hung up. You can do each house at different levels, depending on where you want to put them.



How it works.

1. Every day you'll open up each house following the days leading up to Christmas.
2. You'll do the activity written on the card you put in each house. It may be to watch a movie or read a story, we've done our best to only add in things that won't waste money and things that will be great to do as a family!
3. Have fun and enjoy this time with your loved ones.



FIND THE ADVENT VILLAGE CALENDAR AT THE END OF THIS ATTACHMENT.

The Birth of King Jesus

25 Day Reading Plan

S M T W T F S

					1. <i>John</i> 1:1-5	2. <i>Isaiah</i> 7:14	3. <i>Isaiah</i> 9:2-7
4. <i>Micah</i> 5:1-5	5. <i>Luke</i> 1:26-28	6. <i>Luke</i> 1:29-33	7. <i>Luke</i> 1:34-38	8. <i>Luke</i> 1:39-45	9. <i>Luke</i> 1:46-56	10. <i>Matthew</i> 1:18-21	
11. <i>Luke</i> 2:1-7	12. <i>Luke</i> 2:8-14	13. <i>Luke</i> 2:15-20	14. <i>Matthew</i> 2:1-6	15. <i>Matthew</i> 2:7-12	16. <i>Matthew</i> 2:13-15	17. <i>Matthew</i> 2:16-18	
18. <i>Matthew</i> 2:19-23	19. <i>John</i> 1:6-13	20. <i>John</i> 1:14-17	21. <i>John</i> 1:29-34	22. <i>Galatians</i> 4:4-5	23. <i>John</i> 5:11-13	24. <i>John</i> 3:16	
25. <i>2 Corinthians</i> 1:15 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6						

God sent the angel *Gabriel* to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,
to a virgin named *Mary*.
She was engaged to be married to a man named *Joseph*, a descendant of *King David*.

Luke 1:26-27

1

"Don't be afraid, *Mary*," the angel told her,
"for you have found favor with God!"

Luke 1:30

2

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him *Jesus*.

Luke 1:31

3

He will be very great and will be called the *Son of the Most High*.

Luke 1:32

4

Mary responded, "*I am the Lord's servant*. May everything you have said about me come true."

Luke 1:38

5

In those days a decree went out from *Caesar Augustus*
that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:1

6

And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

Luke 2:3

7

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called *Bethlehem*, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Luke 2:4-5

8

And while they were there, *the time came for her to give birth.*
And she gave birth to her firstborn son

Luke 2:6-7

9

She wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a *manger*,
because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

10

And in the same region there were *shepherds* out in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night

Luke 2:8

11

And an *angel* of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

Luke 2:9

12

And the *angel* said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you
good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Luke 2:10

13

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is *Christ the Lord*.

Luke 2:11

14

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a
baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:12

15

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:13-14

16

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,
"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made
known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Luke 2:16-17

17

And the shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising God*
for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:20

18

Now after *Jesus* was born in *Bethlehem* of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men
from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his *star* when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

19

When they saw the *star*, they
rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10

20

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and *worshiped him.*

Matthew 2:11

21

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him *gifts of,*
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

22

For to us a *child is born,* to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,*
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

23

For *God so loved the world,* that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have *eternal life.*

John 3:16

24

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

25

Join in on our
25 day
Reading Plan.

Bake some
cookies.

Listen to
christmas
carols during
dinner.

Watch a
Christmas
movie!

Read the story
of the birth of
Jesus.

Fill me with
something
sweet.

Create a DIY
Christmas
ornament.

Gather up old toys
and clothes and
give them to
someone in need.

Make a
handmade
Christmas card
for someone.

String
popcorn for
the tree.

Take a family
photo by your
tree.

Make paper
snowflakes.

Random act of
kindness.

Wear something
Christmassy
today!

Read a
Christmas
story.

Fill me with
sweet treats!

Watch "The
Star" movie.
(on Netflix)

Have some
popcorn and hot
chocolate
tonight.

Fill me with a
small
SURPRISE!

Share your
favourite
Christmas
memories with one
another.

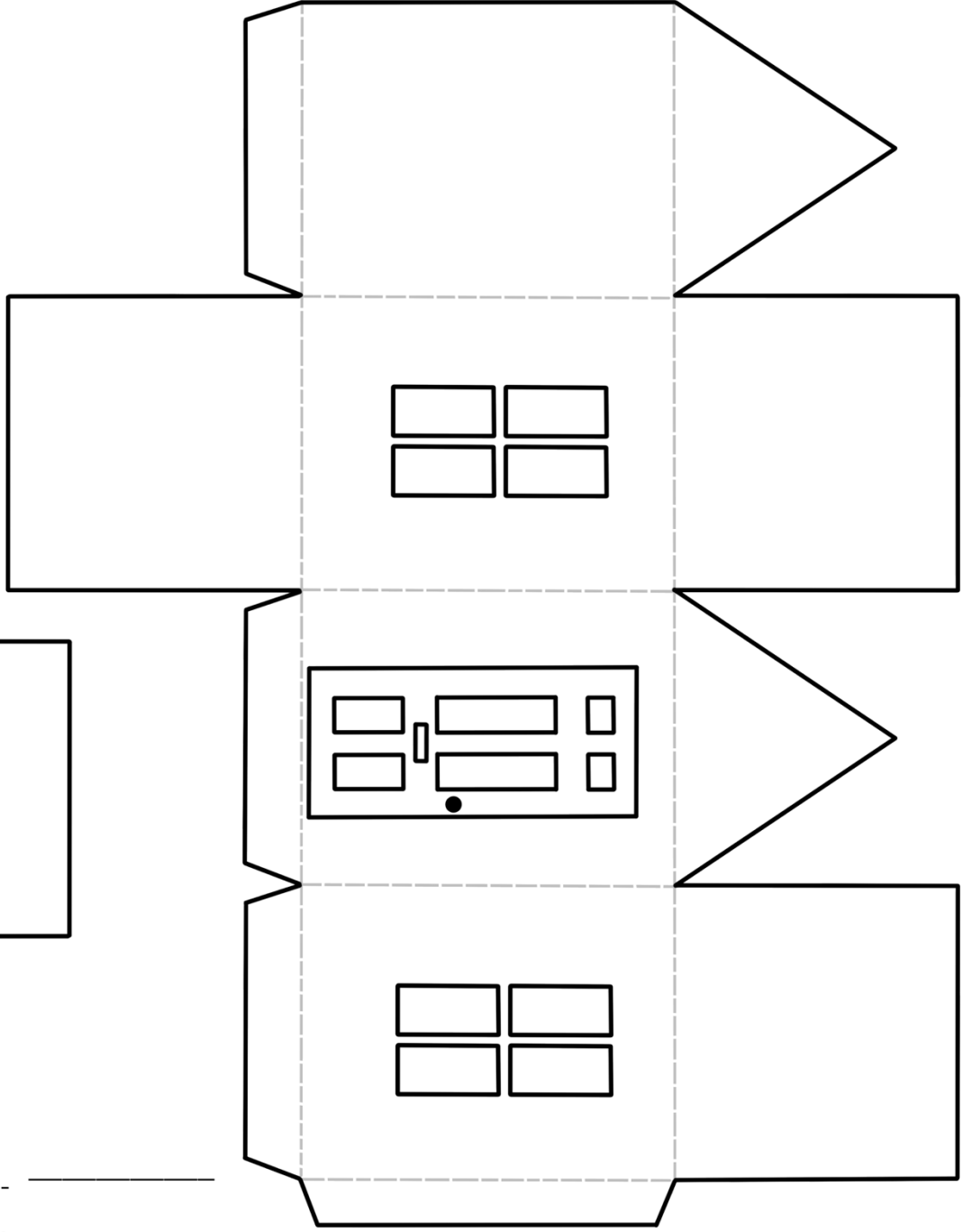
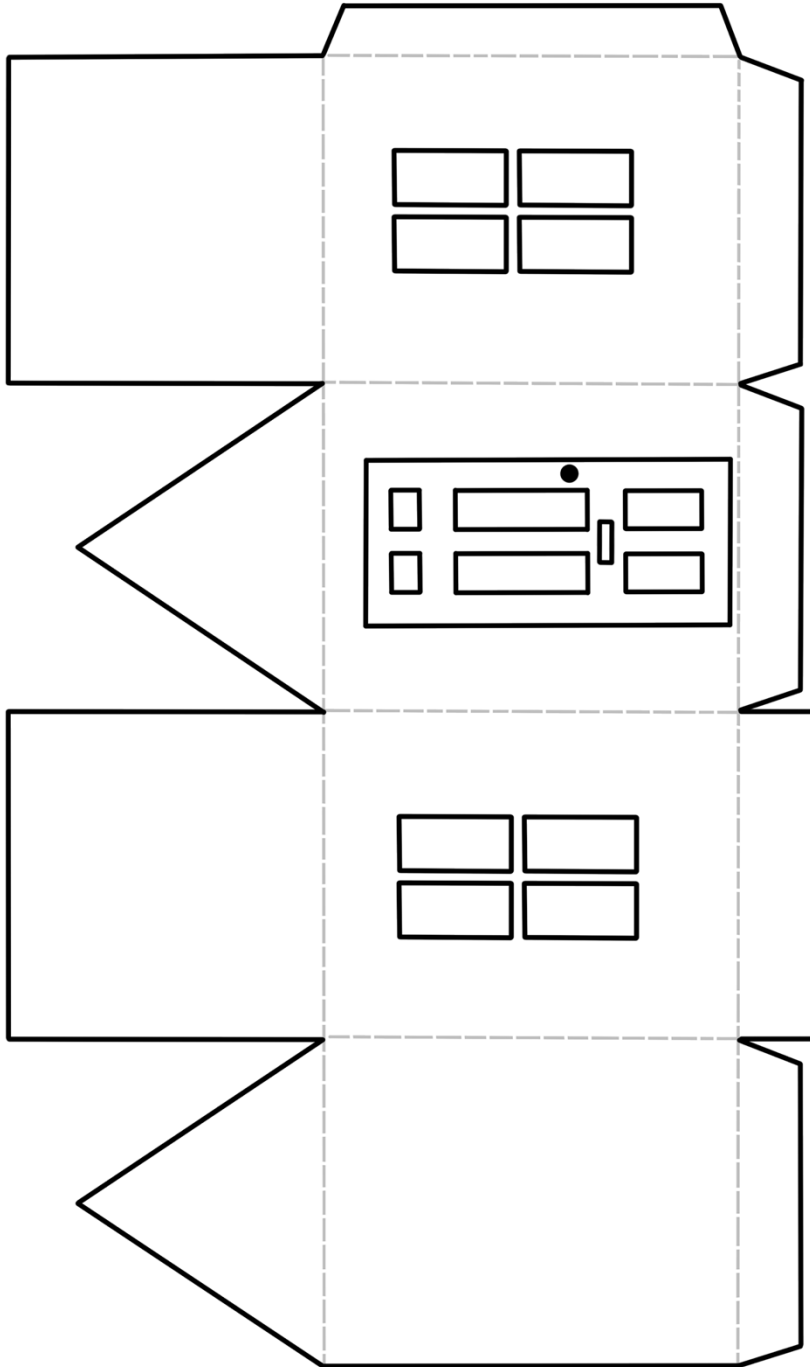
Create a new
Christmas
tradition.

Make a
traditional
Christmas
dessert.

Have a family
game night!

Write a Christmas
prayer and hang
it on the tree.

Merry
Christmas!
Enjoy time with
your family.



Cut line- _____
Fold line- - - - -