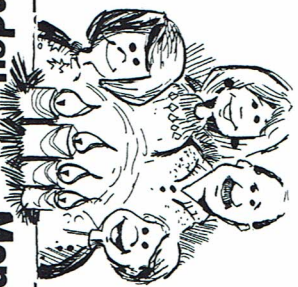





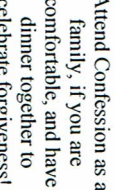





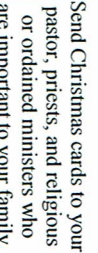

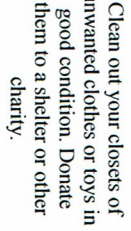

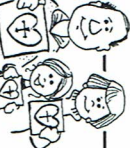

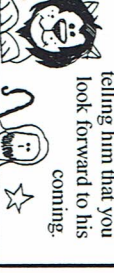
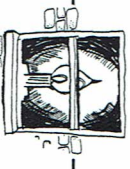
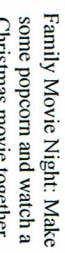
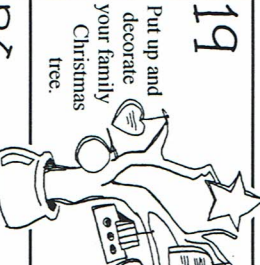

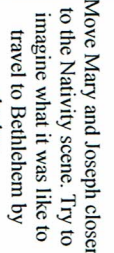


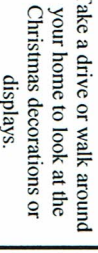









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Family Advent Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November	<p>29</p>  <p>Make and bless an Advent wreath. Light the first purple candle each night this week.</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Read together about Elizabeth and Zechariah's special blessing in <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>.</p>	<p>December 1</p>  <p>Set up your Nativity scene, but leave out the Holy Family.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Make cookies together and decorate with symbols of Christmas.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Cut and paste pictures from Christmas cards you receive into ornaments for your tree.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Attend Confession as a family, if you are comfortable, and have dinner together to celebrate forgiveness!</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Ask a family member you have hurt in the past year for forgiveness. Offer it to one who has hurt you.</p>
6	 <p>Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes" to God.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>In honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception, attend Mass and pray a family Rosary tonight.</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Gather together and sing Christmas carols.</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priest, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Together, write your Christmas cards. Let older kids address the envelopes and younger ones seal them.</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Clean out your closets of unwanted clothes or toys in good condition. Donate them to a shelter or other charity.</p>
13	 <p>Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy. See which of you can sing loudest at Mass today.</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it.</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Set the Mary and Joseph figures of your Nativity set across the room from the rest of the scene.</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Write letters to Baby Jesus telling him that you look forward to his coming.</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Family Movie Night: Make some popcorn and watch a Christmas movie together.</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Put up and decorate your family Christmas tree.</p>
20	 <p>Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Read today's Gospel reading. <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Move Mary and Joseph closer to the Nativity scene. Try to imagine what it was like to travel to Bethlehem by donkey.</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus. Save it to light during Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Place Mary and Joseph in the Nativity scene. Add grass or straw to the manger to get it ready.</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Put the Baby in the manger and read the story of Jesus' birth in <i>Luke 2:1-20</i>.</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Give each family member a chance to say "thank you" for a blessing God has given this year.</p>
27	 <p>Celebrate the feast of the Holy Family by gathering for a special family meal today.</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Make a surprise phone call to a friend or relative who needs cheering.</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Send a thank-you note to the priests or other parish ministers who enriched your seasonal celebration.</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>In honor of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt, pray for all people forced to flee their homeland.</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Resolve to pray as a family for at least 15 minutes every night during the coming year.</p>	<p>"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" (Matthew 1:23).</p> 