

# ★ FAMILY ADVENT JOURNEY ★

*This calendar will help your family grow to be more like Jesus as you connect, share, and pray together while celebrating and anticipating His birth.*

## DEC 1

**GROW:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**CONNECT:** Describe what "hope" means in your own words. Plan a few hours to stay offline or away from screens to connect with family and friends.

## DEC 2

**GROW:** Micah 4:1-5

**SHARE:** Write down the things that bring you peace. Then, share with a family member by helping them accomplish something on their list!

## DEC 3

**GROW:** John 10:10-16

**SHARE:** Draw a picture or make a card showing how Jesus is like a shepherd taking care of people. Then share it with someone who needs God's love.

## DEC 4

**GROW:** Micah 5:1-5

**PRAY:** Who are the people that make you feel safe? Write a prayer to thank God for them and ask Him to bless them.

## DEC 5

**GROW:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**PRAY:** Pray to God and share something you're grateful for. Then, tell someone one reason you're grateful for them.

## DEC 6

**GROW:** Psalm 118:15-18

**SHARE:** What does it mean to rejoice? Help someone in your family experience joy by serving them—make a bed, tidy up, or bring a treat to a friend!

## DEC 7

**GROW:** Mark 13:24-37

**CONNECT:** How does it make you feel to know God is watching over you? Make a list of the things that bring you hope.

## DEC 8

**GROW:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**CONNECT:** What was God preparing in order to make peace in the world? What is one kind thing you can do today to make peace with a friend?

## DEC 9

**GROW:** Psalm 27

**PRAY:** God, you bring peace to the world. Thank you for calming our hearts and our minds. Help us be peacemakers in the world today. Amen.

## DEC 10

**GROW:** Psalm 85:8-13

**SHARE:** "Peace on Earth" is more than a Christmas carol—it's God's promise of love and forgiveness. Do one thing today to bring peace. Be kind, forgive, or help a friend.

## DEC 11

**GROW:** Luke 1:5-17

**CONNECT:** Do something that brings you comfort—like drinking hot chocolate or curling up under a blanket. Then, do something that helps a loved one feel comforted!

## DEC 12

**GROW:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**CONNECT:** Practice being patient together by working to solve a puzzle or playing a board game!

## DEC 13

**GROW:** Habakkuk 3:2-6

**CONNECT:** Draw or look at pictures of a sunrise and reflect on how creative God is. Plan to wake up early to watch the sunrise with your family or loved ones.

## DEC 14

**GROW:** Mark 1:1-8

**PRAY:** God, you are the source of our joy. Thank you for giving us a reason to celebrate. Help us bring joy to the lives of the people around us. Amen.

## DEC 15

**GROW:** Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

**SHARE:** God sends us to serve the lost and hurting. Find one way you can partner with a local organization or the church to meet a need in your community.

## DEC 16

**GROW:** Ephesians 6:10-17

**CONNECT:** Sing "Joy to the World" with your family or loved ones and remember Jesus is the joy that came to the world!

## DEC 17

**GROW:** Psalm 126

**PRAY:** Take a prayer walk through your community with your family or loved ones and ask God to show you ways you can bring joy to your neighbors.

## DEC 18

**GROW:** Luke 1:47-55

**CONNECT:** What does mercy mean to you? While you clean your room, make your bed, or help at home, thank God for giving us a fresh start.

## DEC 19

**GROW:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**CONNECT:** Experiencing God's joy can make you want to dance! Today, play some of your favorite Christmas songs and have a family dance party!

## DEC 20

**GROW:** Psalm 89:1-4; 19-26

**SHARE:** How do you know God loves you? Show God's love to someone through an act of kindness.

## DEC 21

**GROW:** John 1:1-2

**CONNECT:** Talk about what it means that Jesus is God's light and came to live with us. Light a candle and spend time sharing things you are thankful for.

## DEC 22

**GROW:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**CONNECT:** How does knowing Jesus is called "Prince of Peace" make you feel? How can we try to live in peace with our family and others?

## DEC 23

**GROW:** 1 John 4:9-11

**SHARE:** Bake a simple treat together to share with a neighbor, like cookies or muffins. Attach a note or card sharing God's love.

## DEC 24

**GROW:** Luke 2:1-20

**PRAY:** The arrival of Jesus changed everything. Have a family prayer time. Ask God to help you continue to grow, connect, share, and pray together no matter the season.

# CONTINUE GROWING AT HOME WITH L3 FOR FAMILIES

Join us Christmas Eve and December 28 for a special family worship service at Pinelake Church (children's ministry provided for 2 years and younger).

