



We want you to have a Christmas for the record—with this free audio Advent calendar designed for parents and teens to enjoy together. We’ve intentionally built it to be flexible and fast to do with your family. If you skip a day (or seven), start late, or forget about it until Christmas Eve, you can still get something out of this experience. *(Read: We know you’re busy. That’s why you literally can’t mess this up!)* Each short, daily chapter dives into the story, meaning, and cultural evolution behind a beloved Christmas song—and how it all connects to Jesus.

Scan a code to start listening to the handcrafted playlist on Apple or Spotify — **or visit axis.org/resource/advent for the full digital experience**, including devotional podcast episodes, music, and more ways to connect as a family this Christmas season!



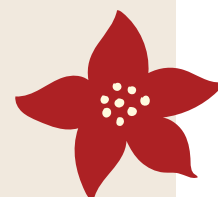
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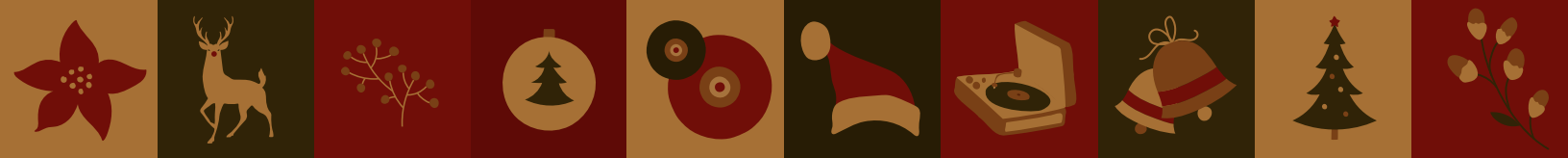


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Three ways to use this calendar—choose one or use all three!

IDEA #1: Merrily, You Roll Along

Put on the playlist in the car as you drive (and drive, and drive) from Christmas pageant practice to last-minute holiday shopping. Keep this PDF in your glove compartment or car console and have your kid choose a conversation starter to discuss based on a song they hear.

IDEA #2: Taste and See

We're not usually fans of phones at the dinner table, but we'll make this one exception. During family dinners, pull up the Advent Calendar at [Axis.org](https://axis.org) on your mobile device. Each day on the Advent calendar links to a song as well as a short reflection, tied to scripture and read by one of our culture writers. Listen together while you're eating, and wrap with the recommended conversation starter while you clean up!

IDEA #3: Comfort and Joy

If you observe Sabbath (or just find it easier to spend time together on the weekends), you can adapt this content to that practice. Every Sunday morning, we'll be sending out an email that hosts the songs and reflections for the week ahead. You can use that email for reference as you snuggle with some blankets and your hot drink of choice to listen to the songs, pray together, and kick off conversations about hope, joy, peace, and love.

Why This Resource is Free

Advent 2025: For the Record is free to everyone because we believe every parent should have access to tools that help them connect with their teen and point them to Jesus.

Axis is sustained by a generous community of donors who make resources like this possible. Every episode, playlist, and conversation starter exists because of their support—*so families everywhere can experience connection and discipleship every day of the year.*

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ADVENT Playlist and Conversation Starters

HOPE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

What Christmas Means to Me (Hanson)

What's the song that instantly flips the "Christmas spirit" switch for you?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Rocking Around the Christmas Tree (Meghan Trainor)

Have you ever really listened to the lyrics of this song? What do you think feels different about culture today?



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Angels We Have Heard on High (For King + Country)

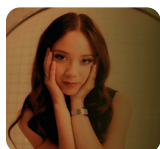
If you were one of the shepherds in this story, how do you think you would have reacted?



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

O Holy Night (TAYA)

What's something about Christmas that gives you hope?



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Christmas Waltz (Laufey)

Why do you think some people get more excited to celebrate Christmas than others?



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Silver and Gold (Burl Ives)

What's your favorite "classic" Christmas cartoon or movie?



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Last Christmas (Wham!)

What's the best Christmas memory you can think of?

JOY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Joy (Chance the Rapper & Jeremih)

What would it look like to "prioritize joy," as C.S. Lewis said?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas (The Carpenters)

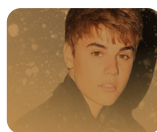
Do you ever feel like Christmas becomes an excuse for people to ignore or cover up their problems?



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Little Drummer Boy (Jars of Clay)

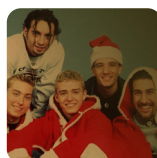
What's a gift you can imagine giving in honor of Jesus this year?



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Mistletoe (Bieber)

What do you think of the 'mistletoe' tradition?



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays (NSYNC)

When you hear that Christmas is supposed to be the best time of year for the family, what comes to mind? Do you think that's always true?



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Santa Claus is Coming to Town (The Jackson Five)

Why do you think the idea of Santa Claus took off in popular culture?



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carol of the Bells (Trans-Siberian Orchestra)

What does it mean to you to make a joyful noise to the Lord?



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PEACE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

I'll Be Home for Christmas
(Camila Cabello)

How would you describe the feeling of 'home'?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

White Christmas (Bing Crosby)

What do you think the perfect Christmas would look like?



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

I Heard the Bells (Johnny Cash)

Does Christmas ever make you feel sad?
Why or why not?



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(Elevation Worship)

What's something that you prefer to do in-person over online?



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

O, Christmas Tree (Forrest Frank)

What do you think is the strangest Christmas tradition?



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Christmastime is Here (Tori Kelly)

When do you feel the most peace?
What do you think inspires that feeling?



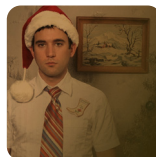
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Christmas Shoes (Newsong)

Do you think the story told in "The Christmas Shoes" is sweet or weird?



LOVE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Justice Delivers Its Gift
(Sufjan Stevens)

Who do you know who seems to have a healthy relationship with material objects and "stuff"?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Grown Up Christmas List
(Amy Grant)

What would be on your 'grown up Christmas list'?



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

We Three Kings
(Tenth Avenue North)

What's the connection between being in awe of God and feeling love for Jesus?



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Do You Hear What I Hear?
(Whitney Houston)

Have you learned anything this year or has anything happened in our family that is making you experience Christmas differently?

