

Friendship International



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WHAT IS ADVENT?

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What is "Advent?" Everywhere you turn, you can find another Advent calendar, something fun for children to open each day in December leading up to Christmas on December 25th. These are often filled with small toys, candy, chocolate, or even money. In the Christian church, the season of Advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day. It literally means "coming" or "arrival" and it's a period of time in which Christians look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ on Earth. His birth is the very reason we celebrate Christmas.

In my kids Advent calendar, in addition to candy each day, we include a verse from the Bible that tells about the birth of Jesus that they take turns reading out loud. Also sometimes they get a small note that tells them to do something - "Help Mommy with the dishes" or "Tell everyone about a favorite memory from this past year." These small actions help them develop an understanding, a purpose, and a sense of awe about anticipating Christ's birth.

Of course kids are going to be excited about things like presents! Aren't we all? But for those of us who know Jesus, we also use the Advent season to reflect and meditate on what He has done for us and to look forward with excitement to the celebration of His birth.



UPCOMING DATES

December 2	Christmas Decorations
December 9	Christmas Program with Rev. Jessica LaGrone
December 9	Lunch Out After Classes - Tachibana
December 16	Last week of Friendship for the semester; Extended Class Time



Jones Family Christmas Light and Music Show

December 1 - January 1, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Take your family for a drive and see some beautiful Christmas lights! Kayla Jones, a Friendship International volunteer, and her husband have decorated their home with the most amazing Christmas lights set to music and a narration of the Christmas story. When you arrive, tune your radio to 89.5 FM to enjoy the show! *The show will be canceled on nights with heavy rain.*

1748 Abbington Hill, Lexington, KY

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FREE EVENT



A KENTUCKY CHRISTMAS at Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate

Saturday, December 3rd

Noon to 7:30 PM

Christmas Market, 12 Noon to 5:30

Music & Entertainment, 3:00 - 5:30pm

Santa Selfies, 3:00 - 5:00pm

Welcome & Illumination, 5:30 pm

[Click here for more information.](#)

FREE EVENT

Tickets must be purchased for candlelight tours



THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHRISTMAS CRAFT:
DIY YARN CHRISTMAS TREES



FEATURED RECIPE FROM THE COOKING CLASS!
CLICK HERE FOR "PECAN PIE BARS"