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T C O N V S O V Y E Y V T L M W Y  
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U N G L T M S F C E N S U S N D B  
Y I C L A A F R S A C P Y O U C B  
E G M H B G M A K J C Q A O E Z L  
Y G R R L I Y N R O O E N D L I J  
Z O A Y E S R K S S S M G D J V E  
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Bethlehem  
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## Advent Word Finder

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Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
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**Senior Moments & Seniors Active In Life with Jay**

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It's about being with friends and family and not having to worry about buying presents...just enjoy each other's presence.

I'm especially thankful for all those who have come into my life and influenced me in some way. I read an article that describes our life as a journey on a train and thought it described our lives pretty well. At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way; love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Hebrews 12:1,2 – "Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey. Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

As our next holiday approaches, may we find joy and peace in this troubled world through Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas to all!

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**Make Room** by *Max Lucado*

Some of the saddest words on earth are, "We don't have room for you." Jesus knew the sounds of those words. He was still in Mary's womb when the innkeeper said, "We don't have room for you." And when he hung on the cross, wasn't the message one of utter rejection? "We don't have room for you in this world."

Today Jesus is given the same treatment. He goes from heart to heart, asking if he might enter. Every so often, he's welcomed. Someone throws open the door of his or her heart and invites Him to stay. And to that person Jesus gives this great promise: "In my Father's house are many rooms" (John 14:2). We make room for him in our hearts, and Jesus makes room for us in his house.

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