





Happy Advent & Merry Christmas! ¡Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale! Joyeux Noël! Frohe Weihnachten! Mele Kalikimaka! メリークリスマス

Every holiday season, I encourage homeschool moms to take a Sabbath break for the entire month of December! Yule School is my way of helping you do that! I don't want your holidays to be full of stress. I don't want your December to be wearisome or chaotic. This December, take the entire month off from formal lessons to truly celebrate the reason for the season. Yule School is full of ideas to help you literally take the entire month of December off from formal lessons so you can enjoy the holidays. Put your usual textbooks on the shelf. Replace your formal curriculum with your holiday preparations and family traditions. Snuggle on the couch for extended family read aloud time. Use your baking, shopping, and wrapping as your math lessons. Take long walks in nature to enjoy the stillness and the beauty of winter. I pray this year's Advent will be holy and peaceful. I pray this year's Christmas season will be restful and joyous. I'm here to help you enjoy the season while making family connections and memories.

Check out the Advent Devotions at www.coffeewithcarrie.org. I've included scripture and carols for each Week of Advent. This is a "grab & go," print-ready resource you can use for daily devotions or weekly advent prayers. It includes scripture to memorize (and copy work for younger students).

Check out Christmas Around the World mini-unit at www.coffeewithcarrie.org. During the month of December, learn how Christmas is celebrated around the world. First, read the picture book, A World of Cookies for Santa: Follow Santa's Tasty Trip Around the World by M.E. Furman. Start with the county (or countries) of your family's heritage. Then pick countries around the world you would like to learn more about. I've included eight countries to get you started! Each day, learn about a new country.

Merry Christmas,

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Create an Advent Wreath

- Real (or artificial) 12" to 24" wreath (or fresh evergreen branches)
- <u>3 purple jar candles</u>
- 1 pink jar candle

My favorite is the <u>4 Pcs Christmas Nativity Scene Candle Holders</u> for Purple and Pink Tealight Candles

Create an Advent Calendar or Book Countdown (Jólabókaflóðið Iceland Book Flood)

- Wrapping Paper (simple is best)
- 24 Gift Tags labeled #1-#24
- Basket
- 24 Christmas, Nativity, Advent, and Winter Picture books
- Listen to Coffee With Carrie episode # 295, "Christmas Countdown" for details.

***There is no need to buy 24 new Christmas picture books. Search your shelves for Christmas and winter picture books that you already own. Then splurge on purchasing 1-3 new ones to add to your collection this year. See list of Recommended Book List for ideas**

Christmas Carols Devotionals

- Create a Spotify list of your favorite traditional Christmas Carols. Include the following: "Go Tell it on the Mountains," "Silent Night," "We Three Kings," "Joy to the World," "Friendly Beasts," and your favorite excerpts from "The Messiah" and/or "The Nutcracker."
- Listen to Episode #296 "Christmas Schooling with Christmas Carols."

Recommended Advent Devotionals & Other Books to order (or Borrow):

<u>A World of Cookies for Santa: Follow Santa's Tasty Trip Around the World: A Christmas Holiday</u> <u>Book for Kids</u> by M.E. Furman

PICK ONE (you don't need all four)

- The Story of Christmas Story Book Set & Advent Calendar by Carolyn Croll (Whole family)
- <u>Jotham's Journey: A Storybook for Advent (Storybooks for Advent)</u> by Arnold Ytreeide (Older students)
- The Jesus Storybook Bible A Christmas Collection: Stories, songs, and reflections for the Advent season by Sally Lloyd-Jones (Younger Students)
- Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas by Ann Voskamp





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