




ADVENT CALENDAR

<p>Sunday First Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: <i>To you, My God, I lift my soul. I trust in you</i></p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph lived happily at Nazareth, doing their daily work with joy.</p> <p><i>I will do my daily work well today, and with joy for God</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Joseph received the order from the Roman ruler to go to Bethlehem and register. He obeyed the order and got ready to go.</p> <p><i>I will obey my parents, teachers, and others in charge of me</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Mary got their house ready and began to pack what they would need for the trip. She did so without complaint.</p> <p><i>I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not like</i></p>	<p>Thursday Mary and Joseph traveled by donkey.</p> <p><i>I will be happy with the things I have and not ask my family for more or better things</i></p>	<p>Friday Mary and Joseph ate the food of the poor on their journey.</p> <p><i>I will eat healthful foods today rather than those that are not good for me. I will thank God for the food I have and pray for the hungry</i></p>	<p>Saturday After traveling all day, Mary made Joseph a meal, and he found her a resting place..</p> <p><i>I will do something special to bring joy to my parents and family today.</i></p>
<p>Sunday Second Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: <i>Come, Lord Jesus, and save all the nations</i></p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph traveled with many different people on their way to Bethlehem. They were kind to all .</p> <p><i>I will be kind to all I meet today –and in a special way to someone I do not like.</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Mary and Joseph were very tired at the end of the day because travel was uncomfortable and hard .</p> <p><i>I will help my parents with some chores to give them time</i></p>	<p>Wednesday When Mary and Joseph reached Bethlehem, they were pushed and pressed by the crowd. They stayed calm.</p> <p><i>I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am pushed or treated rudely</i></p>	<p>Thursday Joseph tried for Mary’s sake, to find a clean, comfortable place to stay.</p> <p><i>I will honor Mary in a special way today by being cheerful. I will pray the Joyful Mysteries rosary</i></p>	<p>Friday Joseph went from door to door, but in every place he heard “No room!”.</p> <p><i>I will make room in my heart for others and will try to show special love for someone who seems lonely or unhappy.</i></p>	<p>Saturday Mary felt sorry for those who had no room. She knew they would like to have helped.</p> <p><i>I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart by doing what he wants me to do</i></p>

O Come, Jesus

<p>Sunday Third Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: I will be happy, O Lord, for you are near!</p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph were offered only a poor stable to stay in They accepted gratefully.</p> <p><i>I will excuse others when they are thoughtless, and I will try to be more thoughtful of others today</i></p>	<p>Tuesday The animals helped to warm the stable by being there.</p> <p><i>I will share the warmth of my friendship with others, especially with someone I do not like</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Joseph cleaned the stable for Mary and for Jesus, who would soon be born.</p> <p><i>I will keep my heart pure today by thinking and doing only pure things and by saying only kind things about others.</i></p>	<p>Thursday Mary put fresh straw in the manger to make a bed for the Christ Child.</p> <p><i>I will brighten the day for others by smiling and showing how happy I am that Jesus is coming.</i></p>	<p>Friday Joseph made a bed of clean straw for Mary to sleep on during the night.</p> <p><i>I will secretly do a kind act for someone who is not very friendly toward me</i></p>	<p>Saturday Mary unpacked the swaddling clothes that would keep the baby Jesus warm.</p> <p><i>I will warn my heart with love for Jesus by doing a kind act for each one in my family</i></p>
<p>Sunday Fourth Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: Come, O come, Emmanuel; ransom captive Israel!</p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph waited patiently for the coming of Jesus.</p> <p><i>I will try to be patient today, especially when others keep me waiting or do things that bother me .</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Mary and Joseph thanked God to care for them.</p> <p><i>I will thank God for all he gives me. I will show my parents I am grateful for all they do for me</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Mary and Joseph were at peace because they trusted God to care them.</p> <p><i>I will trust God to help me today to be a peacemaker in school and at home</i></p>	<p>Thursday A beautiful, very bright star shone in the night sky over the stable.</p> <p><i>I will bring the brightness of joy to everyone I meet today.</i></p>	<p>Friday/ Saturday Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus with great love!</p> <p><i>I will be helpful at home these last days before Jesus' birthday</i></p>	<p>Christmas Day.</p> <p><i>I will welcome Jesus with great love also and offer him all my good acts and prayers during the weeks of Advent.</i></p>