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Devotionals (for individuals, couples, the whole family or teens)

[Good News of Great Joy](#) (free Advent e-book or in print for a fee) – FREE or \$5

By John Piper

These short, daily devotional readings correspond to readings presented in Solid Joy, Desiring God's free devotional app (available on iTunes or Google Play). The readings use a portion of Scripture to reflect upon the meaning and impact the coming of Christ has on us and the world. The books begins Dec 1, as it was compiled in 2012, but it can be adapted to fit the Advent season for any year. This book is also available in print format for a fee from local bookstores or Amazon.com. This resource could be used with mature kids and teens.

[The Dawning of Indescribable Joy: Daily Readings for Advent](#) (paperback/Kindle) - \$8

By John Piper

These 25 brief devotional readings from John Piper begin on December 1 and carry you to Christmas Day. These meditations are designed to deepen and sweeten your adoration of Jesus and help you keep him at the center of your Christmas season. This resource could be used with individuals, couples, mature kids and teens.

[Come, Let Us Adore Him: A Daily Advent Devotional](#) - \$12 also [on Amazon](#)

By Paul David Tripp

In this resource, Paul Tripp seeks to help us focus our awe during Christmastime. Each day is structured like Tripp's best-selling devotional (*New Morning Mercies*) with a compelling, gospel-centered thought followed by an extended meditation for the day. Each of the thirty-one devotions also includes a Scripture reading and notes for parents and children, equipping us to do the one thing that matters most each December — celebrate Jesus.

[Advent: The Whole Story](#) - FREE (free weekly readings, video, and audio)

By Paul David Tripp

This once-a-week devotional contains a reading, a video, and a sermon for each Sunday in Advent. Tripp suggests using these materials with the whole family, although this may be best suited for older children and youth. Whether you move through the content alone or with a spouse or kids, all materials are free and useful in understanding the eternal impact of Christ's Advent. This resource would be engaging for mature kids and teens as it uses audio and video files to teach content.

[Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room: Daily Family Devotions for Advent](#) - \$10

By Nancy Guthrie

Along with devotions for every day in December, this resource includes explanations of some hard-to-understand aspects of popular Christmas carols, and discussion questions to draw in your elementary through high school-aged kids.

[The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas](#) (hardcover & Kindle versions available) - \$13 on [Amazon](#)

By Ann Voskamp

Beginning with Jesse, the father of David, this book follows the lineage of Christ from Old Testament to New with a Scripture reading & reflection for each day. The book also walks readers through the tradition of the "Jesse Tree," featuring downloadable ornaments for each day on the author's website: annvoskamp.com. While this book could be used for mature kids and teens, see the companion book in the next section for already-adapted content for younger kids.

[God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas](#) (paperback, kindle & free on Audible) - \$8

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This book contains forty devotions that guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from his Christmas sermons, these daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas. This book is somewhat linguistically and theologically heavy; it's best to use this with mature teens and adults.

[World Advent Calendar](#) (free online at christcommunity.net/advent)

This collection of verses helps you and your family understand God's passion for the nations based on His Word.

[Gifts of God Verses for Advent](#) (free online at christcommunity.net/advent)

This collection of 25 verses helps you and your family understand and recognize the gifts we have in Christ as explained in Scripture.

Devotionals for Leading Kids (Preschool to Upper Elementary) through Advent

[Little Hearts Prepare Him Room: An Advent Devotional that Grows with Your Family](#) - \$8.50

By Holly Mackle

This is a family advent devotional. With scriptures primarily from the gospels of Luke and Matthew, and themes from the Westminster Confession of Faith, both content and reflection questions intend to address the heart of the matter: what God says about us in his word and how his truth shapes our lives. Don't miss the totes adorbs [cards](#) from Crew + Co that match this book.

[Prepare Him Room: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Family Devotional](#) - \$16

By Marty Machowski

This four-week devotional guides your family on an unforgettable advent journey, exploring some of the most wonderful prophecies in the Bible and how God fulfills them in Christ.

[Good News of Great Joy: An Advent Devotional](#) (paperback) - \$6

By Beth Meyers & Betty Ann Snider

This family devotional booklet is likely most appropriate for preschool to 5th grade, and it can be used in a variety of ways. It contains Scripture, a lesson, questions, a craft, and a hymn to sing each day along with weekly memory verses. This daily devotional starts on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on Christmas Eve.

[Baby Steps to Celebrating Advent: 9 Brilliant Ideas for the Wee Ones!](#) (free on our website)

Compiled by Susan Cunningham

This highly practical list is a collection of fun ideas from the Internet. This list will be especially helpful to tired, stressed mommas who just don't have time or money to put together very much for the kiddos, yet really want to start some Jesus centered traditions.

[Jesus' Family Tree Advent Family Devotions: The Story of Redemption](#) (paper binding) - \$25

In this book, Advent is expanded into 32 lessons to cover the entire Advent season. These colorful lessons are designed to be used for daily family devotions during Advent – from the last Sunday in November through Christmas Day. A coloring book is also available separately.

[Jesus' Family Tree Coloring Book](#) (paperback) - \$3

This coloring book has been developed depicting the Scripture stories of the Advent of Christ. This is the accompanying coloring book for *Jesus' Family Tree Advent Family Devotions* (see above). This coloring book would be ideal for preschool to elementary ages.

[Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas](#) (paperback) - \$17

By Ann Voskamp

Ann Voskamp has expanded her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree so that families can celebrate together. Each day families can read the provided Scripture passage (in connection with the original book, *The Greatest Gift*), engage with a specially written devotion to help children of all ages understand the Advent theme for the day, and participate in suggested activities to apply the theme. The ornaments for your family's Jesse tree are available on Ann's website at annvoskamp.com. This is the companion book to *The Greatest Gift*.

[We Light the Candles: Devotions Related to Family Use of the Advent Wreath](#) (paperback) - \$8

By Catharine Brandt

Originally published in 1946, this delightful vintage book contains daily readings for Advent to do with your family. The readings are scripted and contain read-aloud devotions and prayers. The book also includes a thorough explanation of the symbolism of the wreath and candles. If you're just doing a wreath, this is a book to consider! And, bonus: your parents may have used this one.

[Welcome Baby Jesus: Advent and Christmas Reflections for Families](#) - \$1

By Sarah Reinhard

This sweet family book contains daily Scripture reading, short devotions, a short prayer & reflection questions that are preschool-to-early elementary appropriate. Each Sunday, this book also highlights the Advent wreath candle color & symbolism. The book doesn't have a craft to do, but this is a pretty thorough book for a daily devotional time.

[Jesus is Most Special](#) (hardback) - \$10

By Sally Michael

Author Sally Micael was Children's Minister at Bethlehem Baptist Church (John Piper's church) for 16 years, and she co-founded Children Desiring God. She's written her fair share of children's Sunday School curriculum. This book helps kids understand the story and memorize the Scripture related to Advent. She uses Old & New Testament stories to engage kids. The website suggests using your own nativity set to supplement the lessons in this book. Appropriate for preschool to elementary aged kids.

[Journey to the Manger Advent Calendar](#) (paperback) - \$6

By Thriving Family (Focus on the Family's magazine)

This adorably illustrated material is appropriate for preschool to school-aged kiddos. Each day you read about a different character related to the story of Christ's birth, starting with God the Father, King David, some Old Testament prophets who wrote about the coming Messiah, and ending with the babe Himself! The poster is adorable. Each 'character' fits on the poster, so kids have fun with that puzzle aspect of the poster. Also, there is a short devotional reading and Scripture for each day and optional enrichment worksheets (most require 1st grade level of reading or higher, but some are adaptable for non-readers). Very cute set!

[Tales of Christmas Past 2015 Advent Calendar: Inspiring True Stories of the Season](#) (free online)

By Thriving Family (Focus on the Family's magazine)

Each year Focus on the Family makes one, incredible advent resource available for free online. This year, they've chosen this collection of 25 stories related to Advent. You can print a poster from the online link. Each stories corresponds to an image on the poster, so kids are engaged with a seek-and-find activity with the poster. In addition to the short daily stories and devotionals, you can print small booklets for young readers (or colorers) to engage more fully with each short story.

[The Littlest Watchman: Watching and Waiting for the Very First Christmas](#) - \$6

By Scott James

This book contains an Advent calendar and devotional booklet to help children and families explore the Bible together this Christmas. Each window in the Advent calendar opens to reveal a rich, full-color illustration of the events of the first Christmas. These pictures and verses will help families to meet different people from Jesus' family tree.