
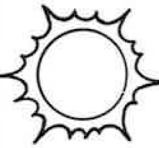







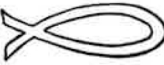


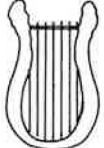
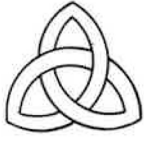

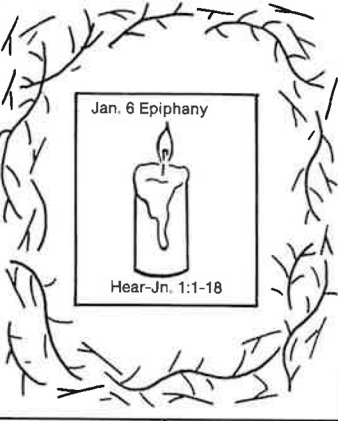


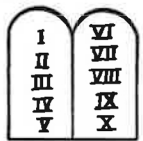

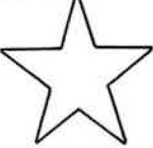






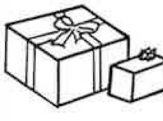








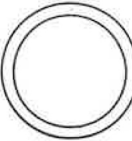


# YEAR A ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

			Dec. 1  Read-Gen. 1:1-5	Dec. 2  Read-Is. 2:1-5				
			Dec. 16  Read-Jas. 5:7-10	Dec. 17  Ask God for patience	Dec. 18  Read-Is. 35:1-10	Dec. 3  Pray for peace		
Dec. 15  Pray for someone	Dec. 28  Read-Tit. 2:11-14	Dec. 29  Read-Heb. 2:10-18	Dec. 30  Pray for those who suffer	Dec. 19  Read-Mt. 11:2-11	Dec. 4  Read-Psalm 122			
Dec. 14  Hear-Psalm 146	Dec. 27  Memorize Is. 9:6	Jan. 5  Read-Mt. 2:1-12	 Jan. 6 Epiphany Hear-Jn. 1:1-18		Dec. 31 Watch Night  Read-Mt. 2:13-23	Dec. 20  Hear-Ro. 1:1-7	Dec. 5  Hear-Ro. 13:8-14	
Dec. 13  Read-Mt. 3:1-12	Dec. 26  Read-Is. 9:1-6	Jan. 4  Read-Is. 60:1-6			Jan. 1 New Year's Day  Hear-Psalm 96	Dec. 21  Read-Is. 7:10-14	Dec. 6  Show someone you love them	
Dec. 12  Memorize-Ro. 15:7	Dec. 25 Christmas Day  Ask Jesus to live in your heart	Jan. 3  Read-Eph. 1:3-10	Jan. 2  Read-Jer. 31:7-14	Dec. 22  Read-Mt. 1:18-25	Dec. 7  Read-Is. 11:1-10			
			Dec. 11  Read-Ro. 15:4-13	Dec. 24 Christmas Eve  Read-Lk. 2:1-20	Dec. 23  Memorize-Mt. 1:23	Dec. 8  Forgive someone		
			Dec. 10  Read-Ps. 72:11-20	Dec. 9  Read-Ps. 72:1-8				

Do the suggested activity for each day and color the picture

## ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CALENDAR YEAR A

Advent is the first liturgical season of the Christian year. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest November 30 and ends on December 24. The four Sundays before Christmas are the Sundays of Advent. "Advent" means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus historically and in our hearts. During Advent we prepare for the coming and celebration of Jesus' birth.

This calendar features an Advent wreath on December 25. You may wish to mark the Sundays of Advent by coloring one candle in the outer circle. Color the candles for the first two Sundays and the fourth Sunday purple. Purple, the color of Advent symbolizes penance and royalty. Color the candle for the third Sunday pink, the color of joy.

- Dec. 1            WORLD – Calls to mind all of humanity and creation.
- Dec. 2            SUN – Suggests the "Son of Righteousness."
- Dec. 3            OLIVE BRANCH – Symbol for peace, harmony and healing.
- Dec. 4            CHURCH – The house of the Lord.
- Dec. 5            TABLETS OF STONE with the Ten Commandments.
- Dec. 6            HEART – Symbol of love.
- Dec. 7            DESCENDING DOVE – Symbol for Holy Spirit and presence of God.
- Dec. 8            HOLLY – Symbol of Christmas, the crown of thorns, the Passion of Christ.
- Dec. 9            CIRCLE – Symbolizes eternity of God.
- Dec. 10           HAND OF GOD – Symbol of God as Blessor.
- Dec. 11           ANCHOR CROSS – Symbol of hope.
- Dec. 12           SHEEP – A.D. symbol for the Faithful.
- Dec. 13           ESCALLOP SHELL WITH DROPS OF WATER – Symbolizes our Lord's Baptism.
- Dec. 14           HARP – Symbol of music given in praise to God.
- Dec. 15           EMPTY STOCKING – Suggests waiting patiently.
- Dec. 16           THE OX – Symbol of Our Redeemer, suggesting strength, patience and sacrifice.
- Dec. 17           EVERGREEN TREE – Reminds us of the gift of light.
- Dec. 18           CHRISTMAS ROSE – Symbol of the nativity and messianic promise.
- Dec. 19           SYMBOL FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST – rough camel's hair coat.
- Dec. 20           ALL SAINTS – Symbolizes God's care over the souls of the righteous.
- Dec. 21           STAR OF DAVID – In shape of David's shield. Six points represent the 6 days of creation.
- Dec. 22           ANGEL – Symbol of the Nativity.
- Dec. 23           FLEUR DE LIS – Symbol for Mary.
- Dec. 24           THE MANGER – Suggests simplicity and poverty surrounding Jesus' birth and life.

Christmastide begins on December 25 and lasts 12 days. "Christmas" comes from the phrase "Christ's Mass" and is the season to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

- Dec. 25           ADVENT WREATH – Symbol of eternal Life. Light the 5<sup>th</sup> (white center) candle,  
THE CHRIST CANDLE – Symbol of Christ entering the world.
- Dec. 26           FIVE POINTED STAR – Represents the prophecy of the coming of Christ.
- Dec. 27           TRIQUETRA – Symbol of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- Dec. 28           CELTIC CROSS (Iona Cross) – Signifies eternal redemption secured by Christ's death on the cross.
- Dec. 29           JESUS MONOGRAM – First 2 and the last letters of the word for Jesus in Greek.
- Dec. 30           FISH – Secret symbol of identity used by early persecuted Christians.
- Dec. 31           PICTURING the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt.
- Jan. 1            BELL – Symbol for sounding forth the Word and the need to prioritize things of God over the secular
- Jan. 2            OPEN BIBLE – Symbol for the Word of God.
- Jan. 3            GIFTS – Used here to represent gifts of the Spirit.
- Jan. 4            CROWN – Used to represent the gifts of leadership and eternal life.
- Jan. 5            THE MAGI – Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, the gifts of the Wise Men.
- Jan. 6            CANDLE – Symbol of Christ, "The Light of the World."

Epiphany begins on January 6 and lasts until Lent begins. Epiphany celebrates Christ's manifestation to all people of the world. The Wise Men represent the first who saw Jesus and began telling others of the Messiah whom they had found.