

2010 Advent Calendar (Year A)

This chart is provided as a starting point for families, Sunday school classes, and congregations that want to design their own Advent calendars. The symbols and ideas for illustrations might be drawn or colored by children. The summaries of selected scripture verses from the Revised Common Lectionary are not intended to be used as direct quotations of scripture, but are paraphrased in language accessible to young people.

<i>date and liturgical day</i>	<i>symbols and ideas for illustrations</i>	<i>summary or paraphrase of scripture verse</i>
Sunday, November 28, 2010 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	tall mountain, people gathering; one candle	One day soon, the mountain of God's house will be the tallest of all the mountains, and all the people of the world will gather around it. Isaiah 2:2
Monday, November 29, 2010	path, climbing	Many people will say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord, so that we can learn about God's ways and follow God's path. Isaiah 2:3
Tuesday, November 30, 2010	swords, shovels	God will show the people what is fair and right. They will make their swords into shovels and they will never fight with each other again. Isaiah 2:4
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	house, family	I was happy when they said to me, "Let's go together to God's house!" For the sake of God's family, I will seek good things for you. Psalm 122:1, 9
Thursday, December 2, 2010	morning, daybreak	Do you know what time it is? It's time to wake up now. The night is almost over and the day is near. God is coming soon to save us. Romans 13:11-12
Friday, December 3, 2010	good clothes, coat	Put on Jesus Christ like your best clothes. Wrap the truth around you like a warm coat. Live in a way that you can always feel good about. Romans 13:12-14
Saturday, December 4, 2010	clock, calendar	No one knows the day or the hour when the Savior will come—not the angels, and not even Jesus—only our heavenly Creator. So be ready! Matthew 24:36, 44

Sunday, December 5, 2010 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	stump, sapling; two candles	The Savior will come like a new tree, growing out of an old stump, full of wisdom and power, always happy to love and serve God. Isaiah 11:1
Monday, December 6, 2010	wolf and lamb, child	The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the goat, the lion and the calf will all live together in peace—and a little child will lead them. Isaiah 11:6, 9
Tuesday, December 7, 2010	earth	Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who does wonderful things. Blessed be the name of God, whose glory fills the world! Psalm 72:18-19
Wednesday, December 8, 2010	Bible	The Bible was written long ago to teach us hope and faith, so that we could live together in harmony, following Jesus and praising God. Romans 15:4-6
Thursday, December 9, 2010	praise, joy	Rejoice, people, and praise God! May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace, and may the power of the Holy Spirit give you faith. Romans 15:10-13
Friday, December 10, 2010	man in desert, river	There was a man named John who lived in the desert and washed people in the river. He said, “Get ready! God is coming soon.” Matthew 3:1-6
Saturday, December 11, 2010	water pouring	John said to the people, “I can only wash you with water, but the one who is coming after me will pour out the Holy Spirit upon you.” Matthew 3:11

Sunday, December 12, 2010 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	flowers in desert; three candles	The wild lands will rejoice and sing, and flowers will grow in the deserts when they see the glory of God, the beauty of the Lord. Isaiah 35:1-2
Monday, December 13, 2010	good news, messenger	Now you can tell all the people, "You don't have to worry or be afraid any more. God is here! God has come to save you." Isaiah 35:4-6
Tuesday, December 14, 2010	straight road in desert, people on a journey	A road will stretch across the desert, and all the lost people of God will follow it home, with songs on their lips and smiles on their faces. Isaiah 35:8-10
Wednesday, December 15, 2010	open hand	I will sing praises to the Lord as long as I live. God made the world. God helps the poor and hungry. You can always trust God. Psalm 146:2, 6-7
Thursday, December 16, 2010	farmer, seeds	Be patient and wait for God, like a farmer waits for the rain to water the plants. Be patient, and don't give up. God is near. James 5:7-8
Friday, December 17, 2007	people waiting	John heard about Jesus, and sent his friends to ask Jesus, "Are you the one we have been waiting for, or is there someone else?" Matthew 11:2-3
Saturday, December 18, 2010	eyes open, ears, celebration	Jesus told John's friends, "Go and tell John: Now the blind can see, the deaf can hear, the sick are well, and the dead are alive again." Matthew 11:4-5

Sunday, December 19, 2010 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	young woman, baby; four candles	God will give us a sign. Look! The young woman is going to have a baby. We will call him Immanuel, which means "God is with us." Isaiah 7:14
Monday, December 20, 2010	shining face	Make us new again, God. Let your face shine on us, and come to save us. Give us life and we will call on your name. Psalm 80:18-19
Tuesday, December 21, 2010	heart	Grace and peace to you from God, who loves you and wants you to belong to Jesus Christ. Romans 1:6-7
Wednesday, December 22, 2010	angel	An angel from God came to Joseph in a dream, and said: "Don't be afraid; Mary will have a child from the Holy Spirit." Matthew 1:20
Thursday, December 23, 2010	people	The angel told Joseph: "You will name your child Jesus (which means Savior), because he will save the people." Matthew 1:21
Friday, December 24, 2010 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	manger	All the rooms in Bethlehem were full. So when the baby Jesus was born, Mary wrapped him in cloth and put him in a box where animals eat. Luke 2:7
Saturday, December 25, 2010 <i>Nativity of Jesus Christ / Christmas Day</i>	baby Jesus; five candles	In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us. John 1:1, 14