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Bible Buddy ADVENT



ADVENT WITH YOUR BIBLE BUDDY



How to Use This Advent Resource with Your Kids This Kids Advent Resource was created to help your family walk through the Christmas season together – focusing on Jesus, one day at a time. It pairs with our Biltmore Church Advent Reading Plan on the YouVersion Bible App, so you can read along together as a family and with our church each day.

How to use it:



1. **Set a daily rhythm:** Pick a consistent time to read together
2. **Read out loud:** Follow the short Bible passage and explanation each day.
3. **Talk about it:** Use the “ASK” questions to discuss what it means.
4. **Pray together:** Read the short prayer or pray in your own words.
5. **Stay connected:** Follow along with our church family on the YouVersion app.



HEY GROWN-UPS!

Join our Biltmore Church Advent Reading Plan on the YouVersion Bible App! Each day's reading matches what your kids are learning, so your whole family can celebrate Jesus together this Christmas.



DAY 1

Isaiah 9:1-7



Read Today's reading comes from Isaiah chapter nine. In Isaiah 9, we get to read a prophecy about Jesus. A prophecy is a message from God given to a messenger to tell others. Here's part of the prophecy about Jesus: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government, there shall be no end." Every prophecy in the bible came true, including this one! This was very, very good news. It gave God's people something amazing to wait for and to look forward to. That's what Advent is all about—turning our eyes to Jesus. (Isaiah 9:1-7)

Ask What do you think God's people felt after they read this? What is something that is hard to wait for?

Pray Jesus, the news of you coming is good, good news. Help me to be a light that shares you with others. Amen.



DAY 2



Luke 1:5-25

Read In Luke chapter 1, we get to read another prophecy, but this one was about John the Baptist. John the Baptist would go on to pave the way for Jesus. John's job was to tell others about the Savior that was coming. He had an important job! It was a job given to him by God. Let's read a few verses together about what this prophecy said about John: "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." John spent his life pointing others to Jesus. This was God's plan for his life. We can too! Luke 1:5-25 (Galatians 6:9)

Ask Do you think John's life was easy pointing people to Jesus? How can we point someone else to Jesus?

Pray God, you have good plans for my life. Help me to trust you and give me strength when things get hard. Amen.

DAY 3

Luke 1:26-33



Read Today, we get to read another prophecy about Jesus, but this one is about His birth! An angel came to visit Mary late in the night. Do you know what he said to her? Let's read it together: "And the angel said 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom, there will be no end.'" This had to be pretty shocking news for Mary! She was going to give birth to the Savior of the world!

Ask What do you think Mary felt after she talked to the angel? What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

Pray God, you know everything about me. Help me to listen to you closer than anyone else. Amen.



DAY 4



Luke 1:34-38

Read Yesterday, we read what the angel said to Mary about the son she would have. Today, we're going to read about how Mary reacted to the angel. Mary had questions for the angel. After talking with the angel, here's what Mary said: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Mary didn't know exactly how everything was going to work out, but she trusted in God's plan for her life. She obeyed God even when it didn't make sense to her.

Ask How did Mary show her obedience to God? Do you think it's always easy to obey God? Why or why not?

Pray God, I don't always understand you, but you know what is best for me. Help me to learn to follow you. Amen.

DAY 5



Luke 1:39-45

Read After Mary spoke with the angel, she went to see Elizabeth—who would be the mother of John the Baptist. She and Elizabeth celebrated their soon-to-come baby boys. Mary and Elizabeth were grateful that their boys would get to be born near the same time and grow up together. The Holy Spirit was with them.

Ask Who were the two babies that Mary and Elizabeth were going to have? What were they going to do?

Pray God, you help us be joyful always! Help me to encourage other people and be kind to others. Amen.



DAY 6



Luke 1:46-55

Read Mary then sang a song of praise to God for the good things that He had given her. Mary may not have known exactly what was going to happen, but she chose to praise God always. Mary started her song by saying “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Mary stayed with Elizabeth for the next three months, and then returned home.

Ask Why do you think Mary chose to praise God even when things were hard to understand? How do you think God feels when we praise Him?

Pray God, help me to follow you when things are calm and things are crazy. You are always close. Amen.

DAY 7

Matthew 1:18-25



Read

It was time for Jesus's birth! In Matthew chapter 1, the bible says "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, But knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus."

Ask

What does the name "Immanuel" mean? What does it mean that God is with us?

Pray

God, help me to say yes to you every day. You are always there for me. Amen.



DAY 8



Matthew 1:23; Philippians 2:5-8

Read

The bible is a book about Jesus. Today, we're going to read a few verses from the book of Philippians. We've been learning about the birth of Jesus, but here's what Paul wrote about Jesus and the life He lived: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Jesus came to earth as a baby. He didn't come to earth as a rich, powerful King who owned many mansions and lots of land. He was born in a manger surrounded by animals. He was humble from the beginning. We are encouraged to be like Jesus always.

Ask

When is it hard to be like Jesus? What's one thing we can do to try to be more like Him?

Pray

God, sometimes, I get tired and it is hard to obey you. Help me to obey you even when I am tired and don't feel like it. Amen.

DAY 9



Luke 2:1-7; Micah 5:2

Read In the bible, there are what we call the four “Gospels.” Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. All four gospels were written about Jesus and His life. All four gospels are true and all four have different parts of the story of Jesus. In the book of Luke, we learn that Jesus was born in a manger where animals were kept because there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn that they visited in Bethlehem. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and wrapped in swaddling cloths.

Ask What are the four gospels?
What are they about?

Pray God, you love everyone. Even though I can’t always see you working, I know that you are. Help me to believe that. Amen.



DAY 10



**Luke 2:7; Deuteronomy 31:8;
Matthew 28:19-20**

Read This was the very beginning of Jesus's life on earth, as a baby. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. At the very end of His life, Jesus gives His disciples (and us) a job: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Jesus lived His entire life for other people, trying to point as many people to Him as he could. This is why He was sent to earth. We can help point other people to Jesus, too. It's our job!

Ask What is a command that Jesus gives us that we can follow? How did Jesus treat other people?

Pray Jesus, help me to make time for you every day. Amen.

DAY 11



Luke 2:8-14

Read Okay, let's jump back to Jesus's birth! Right after Jesus was born, He had some visitors. Do you know who they were? That's right! The Shepherds were in a field keeping watch over their sheep when angels appeared to them. One angel spoke and said "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." The shepherds knew what to look for. Then, they set off on their journey.

Ask What do you think the shepherds felt after the Angel gave them the news? What gift would you bring to baby Jesus if you were a shepherd?

Pray God, help me to encourage people who are lonely and sad. Help me to be a light to others. Amen



DAY 12



Luke 2:15-20

Read The bible tells us that the shepherds quickly gathered their things and traveled to see Jesus. They gave expensive gifts to Jesus and Mary treasured them. After the shepherds left, the bible says that the shepherds were glorifying and praising God for all that He had done. They had gotten to meet the baby that would go on to be the Savior of the whole world.

Ask What do you think it would have been like to meet baby Jesus?

Pray God, you are loving, kind, and patient. Help me to be willing to do what you ask me to do. Amen.

DAY 13



Luke 2:22-24; Psalm 139:1-3; 7

Read When Jesus was a little older, Mary and Joseph took him to Jerusalem to the temple, presenting Him before the Lord. In the time of Jesus, this meant that Mary and Joseph were hoping the Lord would use Jesus in the way that He wanted to, and God had big plans for His Son on earth.

Ask What was God's plan for Jesus? How do Mary and Joseph show obedience to God in bringing Jesus to the temple?

Pray God, you never leave us or forsake us. You are always with us. Help me to remember that. Amen.



DAY 14



Luke 2:25-35

Read When Mary and Joseph were in the temple with Jesus, they met a man named Simeon. The bible says that Simeon was filled with the Holy Spirit. Simeon blessed Jesus, and told Mary and Joseph that Jesus would go on to do amazing things. Simeon had been waiting for the arrival of Jesus for a long time. He finally got to worship Him.

Ask What do you think makes waiting hard? When is a time that you had to wait for something and it was worth the wait?

Pray God, sometimes, I get tired of waiting for you to answer prayers. Help me to remember that your timing is always perfect. Amen.



DAY 15



Luke 2:36-38

Read

Another person that Mary and Joseph met at the temple was Anna. She was a woman that was nearly 100 years old and the bible tells us that she had been praying and fasting for years. What was she praying for? She was praying for a Savior to come! See, people at this time had read prophecies about Jesus coming, but they had not gotten to see Him yet. The bible says that when Anna saw Jesus, even as a young child, she knew He was the promised One. She praised God for answering her prayer.

Ask

What is a way that we can have hope in Jesus? Why do you think Anna did not give up praying and hoping for a Savior?

Pray

God, help me to see the good things you do and give me courage to tell other people the good news about Jesus. Amen.



DAY 16



Matthew 2:1-12

Read In the days of Jesus's birth, the Wise Men came to visit Him. Now, at this time, Wise Men were regarded as some of the smartest, wisest, powerful men around. They gave advice and wisdom to kings and the most powerful people in the land. The bible tells us that they too came to visit Jesus, and they too brought gifts, worshipped Him and rejoiced when they found Jesus. Even the most powerful of people came to worship Jesus and see Him with their own eyes.

Ask How is the power that Jesus has different than the power that people have?

Pray Jesus, you are better. You are better than anything else the world has for me. Help me to love you the most. Amen.



DAY 17



Matthew 2:1-12

Read At the time that Jesus was born, there was another king. His name was Herod. Herod ruled over the land and had heard about the birth of this Savior of the world. There were many kings throughout the bible. Some kings were good and some kings were bad. Any and all human kings are not like Jesus. What had happened was the one true King had come to earth. Jesus is the one true King. Herod was a powerful man, but he would be no match for Jesus.

Ask What does it mean to trust Jesus? What did Jesus have that Herod didn't?

Pray God, help me to remember and believe that everything good in life comes from you. You are the giver of good things. Amen.



DAY 18



Matthew 2:13-15

Read The next thing that happened is a little scary, but what we see in this part of the story is what it means to do everything God asks us to do. See, Herod was afraid, and wanted to kill Jesus. He sent men to search for Him. But God was a step ahead. God sent an Angel to appear to Joseph in a dream and told him to flee to Egypt and wait for more instructions. And you know what Joseph did? He obeyed. Right away. He and his family stayed in Egypt until Herod's death. Joseph chose to obey God even though he didn't know what was coming.

Ask Why do you think Joseph chose to obey God? Do you think it was hard?

Pray God, sometimes, I don't know what to do. I know that you always know what's best for me, and know what I should do next. Help me to trust you. Amen.



DAY 19



Matthew 2:16-18

Read After Herod discovered that Joseph and Mary had fled, and he couldn't find them, he was angry. Herod was an evil man and punished people because he was angry and couldn't find Jesus to hurt him. Herod killed a woman named Rachel's children, and she wept. She was undeserving of these terrible things that happened, but they still happened to her. Sometimes, bad things happen. Sometimes, they happen to good people. But Jesus is more powerful than evil things. He is the One that will make everything better. Maybe not right away, and maybe not exactly what we want, but He is always with us.

Ask When we see people who are going through hard things, what can we do? How does God give us joy when hard things happen?

Pray God, there are things in the world that make me sad. Help me to remember the promises you make us and that you rule over all. Amen.



DAY 20



Matthew 2:19-23

Read

What happened next was really interesting. Remember when the Angel told Joseph that they had to flee Bethlehem until it was safe to return? Well, when Herod died, an Angel appeared to Joseph and told him to return, Joseph and Mary ended up in Nazereth. Nazareth was far from Bethlehem and it was a very small town. Maybe Mary and Joseph thought they would end up in Bethlehem, but God had a different plan. God always knows what it best for us.

Ask

Can you think of a time where God's plan was different than what you thought it might be?

Pray

Lord, your way is better than mine. Help me to follow your way and your plan for my life! Amen.



DAY 21



Luke 2:39-40

Read In Luke's gospel, he writes that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to Nazereth, and then he wrote this: "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." Jesus was born a baby just like you and me. He grew as a kid just like us, and grew in wisdom. He had parents, and even though he would be the Savior of the world, He still had to learn and walk in obedience to his parents and those around him. God was preparing Jesus for what was next. And what was coming next was going to be amazing.

Ask What is something in your life that you are looking forward to? How can you follow Jesus while you are waiting for that?

Pray God, I know that I can't hide from you. But this is a good thing! Thank you for always knowing where I am and knowing what I am going through. Amen.



DAY 22



John 1:1-14

Read

A lot of times, maybe we think of the Christmas Story as a story about a baby being born. Now, a baby WAS born. But the story is more about who this baby was and what this baby was going to do. The baby that was born was the Son of God. The bible tells us in John 1 that “The Word was with God and the Word was God.” Wow! Then, it says that “The word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jesus took on human flesh to live on the earth with real people. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

Ask

What does it mean that Jesus is fully God and fully man? How does it make you feel that Jesus did all of this for you?

Pray

God, thank you for sending Jesus to save us. Help me to look more like Jesus every day. Amen.



DAY 23



John 1:5, 9

Read

There is a lot of darkness in this world. When the bible talks about darkness, it's talking about things that make us feel sad, angry, guilty, bad, and ashamed. But in John 1, the bible calls Jesus the "one true light." Do you know what this means? It means that no matter how dark things get for us, that Jesus is the light that is more powerful than the darkest darkness the world can give us. Jesus is the one true light, and He invites us to bring our darkness to Him. We can pray and talk to Jesus when we feel feelings of darkness.

Ask

Is there an area of your life that you don't like? How can you pray and ask Jesus to help you with that?

Pray

God, you are the light that is more powerful than the darkness. Help me to be a light to other people and point others to you. Amen.



DAY 24



Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:21

Read In the time of Jesus, names mattered a lot. People gave their children names because of what the name means. Do you know what the name Jesus means? It means “The Lord saves.” Now, remember way back at the start of our Advent journey. Do you remember who told Joseph to name their son Jesus? It was an Angel! And do you know who sent that Angel? God! The name Jesus came from God. God told Joseph to name the child Jesus, which means “The Lord saves.” God had a good plan for us from the very beginning. He knew what He was going to do for us through Jesus. He always had us in mind.

Ask How does it make you feel to know that God has a good plan for your life?

Pray Jesus, you died for me and rescued me from sin and separation from God. Thank you for giving your life for mine. Amen.



DAY 25



Luke 2:1-20; Revelation 22:16-21

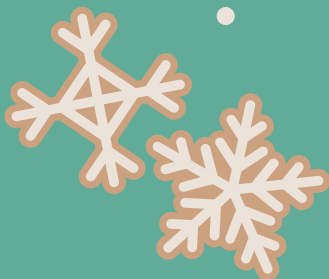
Read As a family, read the full story of Jesus's birth from Luke 2:1-20

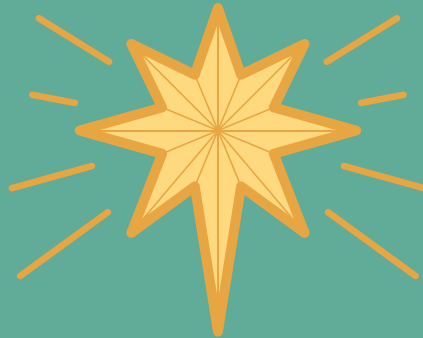
Ask What does the birth of Jesus mean for those of us that follow Him?

Pray Jesus, you always draw near to me and draw me closer to you. Thank you for loving me and never giving up on me. Amen.









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