

ADVENT ALPHABET

This year, Advent is exactly 26 days long, one day for each letter of the alphabet! This activity helps us remember the story of that first Christmas and how Christians around the world have celebrated since!

Think of a word related to Advent or Christmas that starts with the letter of the day and draw a picture to match. Some letters can be pretty tricky, so check below for some suggestions if you get stuck.

Advent – a season of remembering the birth of Jesus and preparing for His return

Angels – the heavenly messengers of God who proclaimed the good news about Jesus (Matthew 1:20, 2:13, 2:19; Luke 1:11, 1:26, 2:9-14)

Augustus – the ruler of Rome who ordered the census that sent Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1)

Aнна – the prophetess who praised God when the baby Jesus was brought to the temple in Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38)

Bethlehem – the city of David, where Jesus was born (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4; Matthew 2:5-6)

Baby boy – the way Jesus chose to come to earth (Luke 2:11-12)

Candles – used to decorate as a reminder that Jesus is the light shining in the darkness (John 1:5; Isaiah 9:2)

Christ – the promised Messiah, one of the titles of Jesus (Matthew 1:17, Luke 2:11)

Carols – traditional hymns sung at Christmastime to bring people together and communicate the gospel through music

Dreams – how God communicated to Joseph and the Magi (Matthew 1:20, 2:12-13, 2:19, 2:22)

Egypt – the country where Joseph, Mary and Jesus escaped to when Herod tried to kill Jesus (Matthew 2:13-15)

Elizabeth – wife of the priest Zechariah who was unable to have children, but after the angel Gabriel announced that she would have a son, she gave birth to John the Baptist; a relative of Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1).

Frankincense – one of the gifts the Magi presented to Jesus (Matthew 2:11)

Gabriel – the angel who announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus (Luke 1:11-20,26-38)

Galilee – the district where Joseph and Mary were from, and where they settled with Jesus when they returned from Egypt (Luke 1:26, 2:4; Matthew 2:22)

Gifts – the Magi brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)

God – Advent is the story of God Himself coming to live with His people, and Jesus is called the Son of God (Luke 1:32,35)

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Heavenly **H**osts – the army of angels who appeared to the shepherds, praising God when Jesus was born (Luke 2:13-14)

Holy Spirit – God's own spirit, whose power enabled both Elizabeth and Mary to miraculously give birth to sons, and Zechariah to prophesy

Immanuel – one of the names of Jesus, meaning "God with us" (Matthew 1:23); can also be spelled with an E

John – son of Zechariah and Elizabeth; "a prophet of the Most High" who prepared the way for Jesus (Luke 1)

Joseph – carpenter from Galilee; husband of Mary; the adopted, or earthly, father of Jesus

Jesus – the Son of God, son of Abraham, son of David, Saviour of the world

King Herod – ruler of Judea who was threatened by Jesus, the true King of the Jews, and tried to kill Jesus by having all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem killed (Matthew 2:1-8,13-18)

Lambs – the first people to hear the good news of Jesus' birth were shepherds taking care of their flocks (lambs and sheep; Luke 2:8-20)








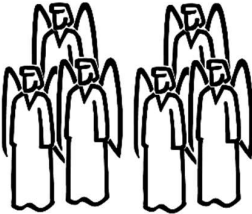





Light – “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:2)

Love – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Mary – wife of Joseph; mother of Jesus

Magi – wealthy men, likely scholars and possibly magicians, from the east who followed a special star all the way to Israel, because they wanted to worship Jesus, the king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12)

Myrrh – one of the gifts the Magi presented to Jesus (Matthew 2:11)

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