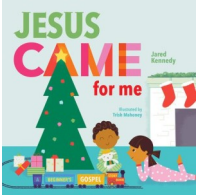


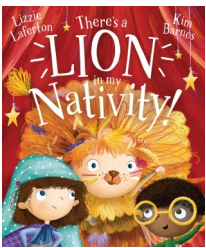
Advent and Christmas Resources*



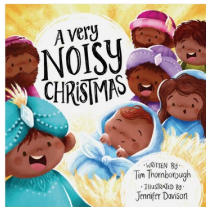
Christmas: Little Words Matter. A few little words can tell a big story about Christmas! Angels, shepherds, kings, and one very special Baby—wasn't the first Christmas full of wonder? Now toddlers can learn this amazing story in just 12 child-friendly words. In the Little Words Matter™ board books, it only takes a few words to tell a big story. Crafted especially for toddlers, these books make biblical truths easily understandable and enjoyable for little ones and their parents too!



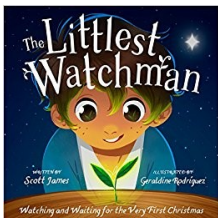
Jesus Came for Me by Jared Kennedy. Jesus left heaven to be born on the first Christmas so that He can be with us always. This board book by author Jared Kennedy helps toddlers and pre-schoolers understand the true meaning of Christmas in a personal, memorable way. Ages 3-7.



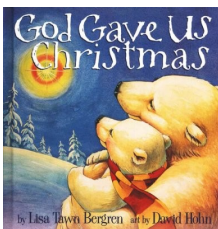
There's a Lion in My Nativity by Lizzie Laferton. This rhyming book with warm, quirky illustrations makes a beautiful Christmas gift for children who are 4-7 years old. In this story of a Christmas nativity play, Mary thinks she is the star of the show. However, as the play goes on, she finds that every scene has been stolen by an unlikely character or object, such as a tent, a phone and a lion! Along with Mary, readers will see that Jesus is the true star of the show and that it is wonderful to know Him.



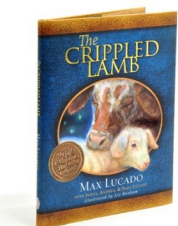
A Very Noisy Christmas by Tim Thornborough & Jennifer Davison. A fun re-telling of the Christmas story for young children, including regular invitations to make some noise!



The Littlest Watchman by James Scott. Benjamin is a Watchman. It's his job to watch for the sign that all God's promises are coming true—to watch a stump. Trouble is, it's hard just waiting. And one night, Benjamin finally gives in and stops watching. But that same night, as he sits outside Bethlehem, he gets to watch something wonderful. Kids will be gripped by what Benjamin saw, and will be excited by the Christmas story all over again. There is an Advent calendar included with the book.



God Gave Us Christmas by Lisa Tawn Bergren. This enchanting picture book can help young children celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, offering the perfect opportunity for little ones to discover the awesome truth of how much God loves them. In the midst of Christmas preparations, curious Little Cub asks one day, "Who invented Christmas?" Mama's answer only leads to more questions such as "Is God more important than Santa?" So, Mama takes Little Cub on an expedition to discover how God gave them Christmas in which they find signs that God is at work all around them. Mama's gentle guidance helps Little Cub discover that Jesus is the best present of all! Recommended for ages 4 to 8.

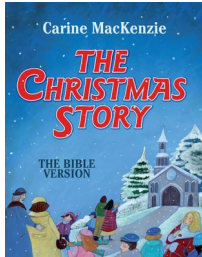


The Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado. Introduce your little ones to this classic tale by Max Lucado and teach them that God has a plan for everyone. Joshua is a lamb with a crippled leg who always feels left out when all the other lambs run and play and he cannot. But God has a very special plan for Joshua's life, as He does for all who feel alone. Recommended for ages 4-8.

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***The Merry Christmas* by Sally Lloyd Jones.** From the beloved author of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*: What can lovingly wrapped presents tell us about the true meaning of Christmas? How about twinkling lights, angels, and stars? In this illustrated rhyming storybook, your 2- to 5-year-olds will learn the significance of favorite holiday symbols---and discover the sweetest gift of all.



***The Christmas Story* by Carine MacKenzie.** In the corner of a stable where the animals usually eat there is a baby in a blanket lying in a box. This baby is the Son of God who has been sent to save. In this book you will find out who needs saving and how it is that this special Child will do it.



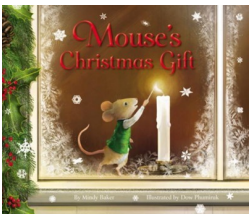
***The Promise and the Light* by Katy Morgan.** What if you were visited by an angel one night who told you that you were to give birth to the Son of God? How would you feel? What might you think? Written as a series of vivid and dramatic first-person accounts, *The Promise and The Light* tells the stories of Mary, Joseph, and Zechariah as they experience the events of the first Christmas. Written in a lively and engaging style, this imaginative yet biblically faithful book will captivate children aged 8-12.



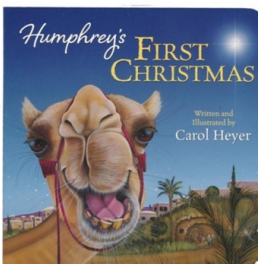
Melissa and Doug Nativity. A perfect first nativity for little ones to place, play with, and treasure for years. Includes an easy-to-assemble 4-piece stable and 11 wooden figures. Durable pieces encourage a hands-on holiday experience. Sturdy wooden construction. Includes a retelling of the Christmas story to help create a treasured family tradition for ages 4 years and up.



Fisher Price Little People Nativity. A stable and figures provide lots of hands-on, imaginative nativity story play. Includes stable playset and 10 Little People figures: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, angel Gabriel & 6 animal figures. With so much to see and do, kids will become part of the Nativity Story, too! Little People figures are kid-sized—perfect for kid-sized hands!

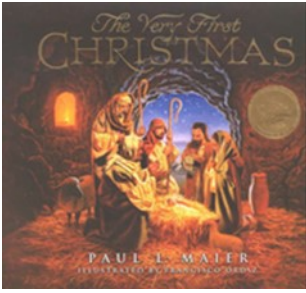


***Mouse's Christmas Gift* by Mindy Baker.** When the pastor gets sick and the traditional Christmas Eve service is canceled, can a tiny church mouse find a way to brighten the spirits of his little town? Sweetly illustrated with glitter-enhanced pictures, Baker's story is sure to bring cheer to your holidays and become a year-round favorite.



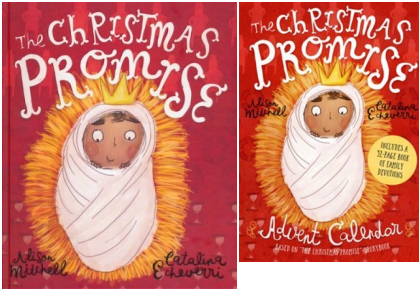
***Humphrey's First Christmas* by Carol Heyer.** Humphrey is cold and grumpy because his favorite blanket is missing. These men are supposed to be wise—so why are they traveling so far to bring gifts to a baby they don't even know? Engaging text and lush artwork present the nativity story from a camel's perspective.

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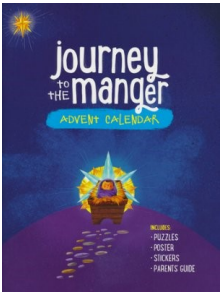


The Very First Christmas by Paul L. Maier. Many children's Christmas books are long on fancy and short on fact. Most of them ignore the themes of the first Christmas and opt instead for fairy tale settings or winter tableaux. This beautifully illustrated book, a Gold Medallion Book Award winner, fills the gap by presenting fresh insights into the Christmas story from both the scriptural and secular context. The book tells the story of a young boy Christopher, who no longer wants to hear fairytales; he only wants real bedtime stories. So, his mother tells the amazing and miraculous story of Jesus's birth. Along the way, Christopher learns the answers to some challenging questions about the Christmas story, and all the answers are right from the Bible. Recommended for ages 5 to 10.

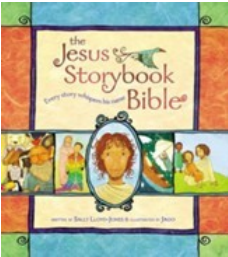
Family Advent Devotionals*



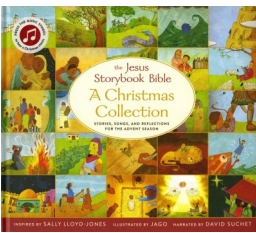
The Christmas Promise by Alison Mitchell. Delight your children this Christmas season with the promise of hope that Jesus brings to us all. With whimsical illustrations and a simple text, this picture book introduces the Christmas story and its importance in a way young children can understand. The lift-the-flap Advent Calendar for children 5-11 years old matches the illustrations in storybook. The kids' Advent calendar includes a booklet containing 25 devotions to help families explore the Bible together in the run up to Christmas.



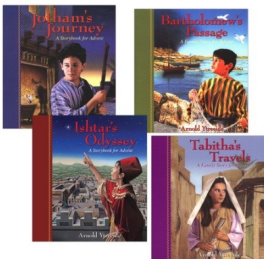
Journey to the Manger. Take your family on a fun-filled journey to the manger this Christmas season! Learn more about Bible characters related to the Nativity and help teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas. Dive into each day of Advent with devotions and activities that will engage the entire family. Packed full of fun activities, *Journey to the Manger Advent Calendar* includes a poster, Bible character stickers, readings, kids' puzzles, and more!



Jesus Storybook Bible Advent Calendar. Along with each Scripture reading is a corresponding story to read from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, one of the most beloved children's picture book Bibles in which every story points to Christ. There are 21 stories from the Old Testament each ending with a paragraph that ties into the imminent birth of Jesus and 3 stories from the New Testament about the birth story of Jesus. Similar to a Jesse Tree Advent, this calendar tells the story of God's plan for salvation, starting with creation and continuing through the Old Testament to the birth of Jesus Christ.



The Jesus Storybook Bible Christmas Collection by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This is an interactive story, sound, and song Advent experience for the whole family. Celebrate the Christmas and Advent season with this special story collection featuring classic Christmas music and narration by award-winning British actor David Suchet. Based on *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, this collection includes four pages of Advent activities and a "map" tracing Jesus's story through the Old Testament with suggested Bible readings for each day of Advent, plus an activity and a devotional referencing the Epiphany (or Three Kings' Day) for an extended celebration of Jesus's arrival. A unique and elegant book perfect for gift-giving.

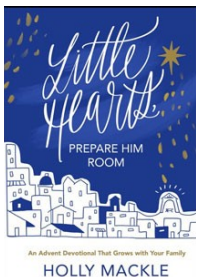


Arnold Ytreeide's Advent Devotionals. A new Advent family devotional from the author of *Jotham's Journey*! Fourth in a set of Advent adventure books for families, Ishtar's Odyssey follows the ten-year-old son of a Persian wiseman as their caravan follows a star across the desert. Ishtar would just as soon stay in the comfort of the palace, but slowly he learns there's much to see, do, and learn in this world that can't be experienced in school. He eventually meets Jotham, Bartholomew, and Tabitha as he follows his father and uncles in their search for a newborn king.



Prepare Him Room by Marty Machowski. Christmas traditions become a treasured part of a family's heritage, passed down from generation to generation. This four-week devotional guides families on an unforgettable Advent journey, exploring some of the wonderful prophecies in the Bible and how God fulfills them in Christ. *Prepare Him Room* helps you build family Christmas traditions around Christ with memorable and meaningful activities, songs, and stories.

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***Little Hearts Prepare Him Room* by Holly Mackle.** This is a family Advent devotional designed to go deeper as children grow older. 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. In reflecting on the account of Christ's birth, you will consider themes such as what it means to be a covenant child, to have a federal head, and to know the assurance of God's salvation.



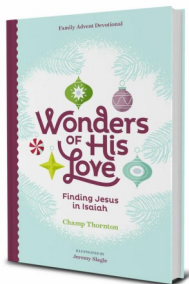
***Good News, Great Joy* by Beth Myers and B.A. Snider.** Advent helps us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This family devotional explains to young and old alike the meaning of each candle that is lit on each Sunday. It also includes daily readings, Scripture memory, activities and hymns to help focus your family's celebration on Jesus, the "Good News of Great Joy."



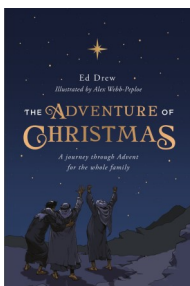
***The Way to the Manger* by Jeff and Abbey Land** is a 25-day family Advent devotional that engages families with the biblical truth of Christmas as they wait for the arrival of the Savior. Sure to become a keepsake that is revisited year after year, it walks through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace with talking points and activities for families to enjoy together. Features include 25 family devotions, journaling pages to fill with Advent memories, family activities and crafts, and discussion questions.



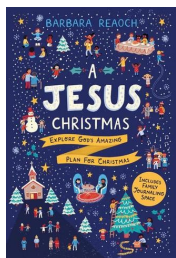
***Why Christmas?* By Barbara Reaach.** Why do we celebrate Christmas? Most children do not know the true answer to that question or why God sent Jesus to live on earth. *Why Christmas?* is a helpful daily devotional with Scripture reading, memory verse, Christmas carol and questions to direct your child's heart towards God. The readings, beginning December 1, are biblical, short, and effective. Colorful illustrations illuminate the events of the incarnation. This book will provide parents the assistance for leading their child to the Christ of Christmas.



***Wonders of His Love* by Champ Thornton.** Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God spoke to His people through the prophet Isaiah, promising them a Savior. To communicate God's message, Isaiah used striking, stunning, and surprising imagery—the "wonders" of His love! Isaiah pointed God's people to the future, when one day, through his birth, death, and resurrection, Jesus would deliver His people from sin and sorrow forever. Perfect for busy families with young children, each week of Advent focuses on one of Isaiah's images and has readings related to the week's theme—Jesus the Light; Jesus the Branch; Jesus the Shepherd; Jesus the Savior—and, on Christmas Day, Jesus the Bread. Each week also includes fun stories, discussion questions, crafts, recipes, games, and suggestions for family service projects.



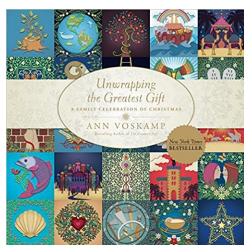
***The Adventure of Christmas* by Ed Drew.** These simple 10-minute family devotions for Advent, with graphic-novel-style illustrations, explore the gospel accounts of the first Christmas in an engaging way and will help families keep Christ at the heart of their celebrations. With all the Bible passages and questions already laid out, you can lead these devotions without needing extra time to prepare, making family devotional time an achievable joy, not an unrealistic burden. There are different sets of questions for 3-4s, 5-7s, 7-12s, teens and even parents, so the whole family can enjoy looking at the Bible together. There is an accompanying Advent Calendar.



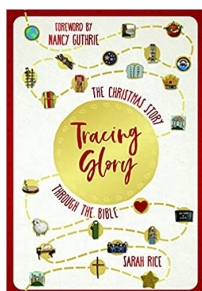
[A Jesus Christmas: Explore God's Amazing Plan for Christmas](#) by Barbara Reaach. Get your family excited with this Advent devotional offering a fresh way to prepare for Christmas. Right from the beginning, the serpent lied to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—and he has been lying ever since. But right from the beginning, God shared His amazing plan to send Jesus. Each day's devotional looks at one of the serpent's lies from Genesis 3, and then shows how the glorious truth of Christmas beats it every time! God prepared the world for Jesus and He will prepare your heart to celebrate this Christmas in a new and lasting way.



[A Better Than Anything Christmas](#) by Barbara Reaach. These daily devotions in the Gospels give a thorough investigation of why Jesus came. In the lead-up to Christmas, families will explore 25 reasons why Jesus came, and they will see that what Jesus gives us is better than anything else we could wish for. Each day there is a passage to read together, questions to think about, an explanation, and a prayer. There are also age-appropriate application questions as well as journaling space so that each family member can write or draw their own response to what God has shown them.



[Unwrapping the Greatest Gift](#) by Ann Voskamp. Based on the overwhelming success of *The Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp has expanded her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree so families can celebrate together. Each day, families can read the provided Scripture passage (in connection with the original book), 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.



[Tracing Glory: The Christmas Story through the Bible](#) by Sarah Rice. This Advent help your family understand the birth of Christ as the climactic event of a much larger story, a story about God's mission to redeem sinful people for His glory. This is a 25-day Advent devotional. It begins looking back at the creation of the world in the book of Genesis and ends looking forward to the new creation in the book of Revelation, tracing the glory of Jesus Christ from start to finish. In each day's reading, there is a key Scripture to look up, a devotional commentary to read, a helpful summary highlighting the key point and showing how that particular Bible passage points to Jesus, and questions to prompt discussion with your family. This is a book to treasure that can be used with children of all ages. There is also a free download of Christmas ornaments to make.



[Come Let Us Adore Him](#) by Paul David Tripp. The wonder and awe of the Christmas season can easily get overshadowed by lights, tinsel, bows, and paper—not to mention last-minute trips to the mall and visits to the in-laws. In all the hustle and bustle, we often lose sight of what's most important. This book of daily readings for the month of December by best-selling author Paul David Tripp will help you slow down, prepare your heart, and focus on what matters most: adoring our Savior, Jesus.



[Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room](#) by Nancy Guthrie. Before you sing "Joy to the World" this Christmas, take time to "tune" the hearts of your loved ones during Advent! Featuring family-friendly devotions for every day in December, Guthrie's thoughtful guide includes Christ-centered Yuletide meditations, beloved carol lyrics, prayers, and discussion questions designed to merrily engage kids aged 5 to 18.