

KIDS' ADVENT CALENDAR OF DEVOTIONS



INCLUDES ACTIVITIES!

ADVENT Week 3 DEVOTION – JOY

SAY: This week of Advent, we focus on joy. When we remember God’s love for us, we are full of joy.

READ Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 together from a CEB kids’ Bible or online Bible source.

SAY: Prophets help people understand what God is saying. Long before Jesus was born, a prophet named Isaiah shared God’s promises. Isaiah knew that one day, God would bring joy to all people through Jesus.

ASK: What do you think God is telling people today?

PRAY: Fill us with joy, God. Help us share joy with others. Amen.

Family Activity Options

- Have everyone write or draw one way they experience joy. Place the slips of paper in a bag. Draw a slip of paper and practice the joy activity throughout the rest of Advent.
- Have a special dress-up day where you wear your most festive, joyful outfits together.
- Take turns sharing one thing about each person in the room that brings you joy.
- Light your third candle this week using your flame-free candles or a battery-operated tealight.

FAMILY ACTIVITY Calendar

Tell someone you love them.

Make paper snowflakes.

Make Reindeer Food (p. 18). Share some!



Week 1 Devo

Play with a Nativity set or make your own.



Week 2 Devo

Watch a Christmas movie.

Collect/donate warm coats and scarves for those in need.

Make a Christmas card to give to a neighbor.

Complete the Christmas Scavenger Hunt (p. 8).

Look for Christmas lights around town.

Sing a favorite Christmas carol.



Week 3 Devo

Act out the Advent story.

Say a prayer for Advent from p. 23.

Build a pillow/blanket fort. Get cozy and read Christmas books.



Week 4 Devo

Draw a picture of something you learned this Advent.

Make decorative Advent chains (p.16).

Wish someone Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS EVE



CHRISTMAS DAY

REINDEER FOOD RECIPE

Reindeer food is a fun snack recipe for the Christmas season. Make Reindeer Food to give away as gifts, or enjoy at home!

Ingredients and Supplies :

1 (20 ounce) package
miniature pretzels

1 (17.5 ounce) package crispy corn
cereal squares (such as Corn Chex)

1 (16 ounce) jar salted dry-roasted
peanuts (omit for allergies)

1 (14 ounce) package
candy-coated milk chocolate
pieces (such as M&M's)

24 ounces white chocolate,
chopped

Large mixing bowl

Small bowl

Spoon

Wax paper

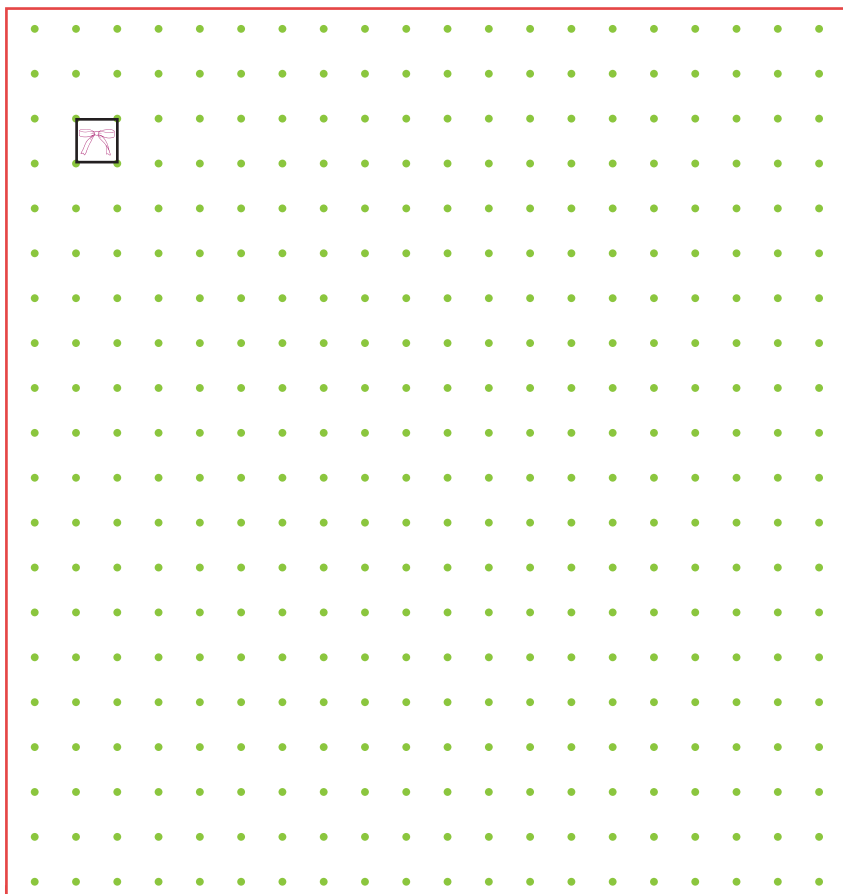


Directions:

1. Combine all the ingredients except the white chocolate in the large mixing bowl.
2. In a smaller bowl, have a grown up help you melt the white chocolate in the microwave until it is creamy and smooth. Start with 30 seconds on the microwave, then stir, and continue in 30-second increments until the chocolate is fully melted.
3. Pour the white chocolate over the dry ingredients and stir well.
4. Place a large piece of wax paper on a counter or table.
5. Spread the mixture out evenly on the paper to dry.
6. Break up the reindeer food into smaller pieces.
7. Store in an air-tight container, or divide into smaller bags to gift to your family and friends.

Make a PRESENT DOT GAME

Play this game with a partner. Take turns drawing a line from one dot to another. The goal is to make a present. Whoever completes the present with a bow gets a point. Keep score by making tally marks in the score boxes.



PLAYER 1:



PLAYER 2:

