

ADVENT

Advent is the time that we prepare for Christmas

As we anticipate the coming of the Baby Jesus!

Each week in Advent has a special focus.

Week 1 ~ HOPE

Week 2 ~ PEACE

Week 3 ~JOY

Week 4 ~ LOVE

We sometimes get so wrapped up (pun intended 😊) in all the preparation that we overlook or forget the reason for the Christmas Season.

At Think It's Been Easy we have come up with a list of some activities and traditions that we have for the season of Advent along with a calendar for scheduling or noting things for you and your family to do as you count down the days until Christmas.

We hope this list and calendar inspire you to take time during this busy season to remember why we celebrate!

All the best,

Mary Caroline Wilde

Advent Ideas ...from Think It's Been Easy

- Cut out paper snowflakes. Put them in your windows or where ever you can.
- Make a popcorn chain for the Christmas Tree.
- Make a Christmas card for a family member.
- Go Caroling at a nursing home, a Senior Center or in your neighborhood.
- Call a friend who lost a loved one this year just to say hello.
- Bake Christmas cookies.
- Make paper dolls.
- Set up the manger with everyone in it except the Baby Jesus.
- Make gift tags.
- Make a cheeseball.
- When in a drive-up fast-food line, pay for the order for the person behind you.
- Donate items to your local food pantry.
- Read a Christmas story.
- Watch your favorite Christmas movie.
- Drop off a gently used handbag to a homeless shelter. Fill it with some essentials.
- Donate one of your extra afgans or quilts to a nursing home.
- Drop in on an elderly friend with a cup of tea/coffee and a Christmas treat.
- Light a candle in church.
- Write a note and pop it into a family member's lunch bag or backpack.
- Have a Yankee Swap. Gifts should only be household items (in good condition) that you never use.
- Make snow angels.
- Put Baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas Eve...to be there when all wake up on Christmas morning.
- Leave a backpack filled with pens, pencils and notebooks at your local Boys and Girls Club.
- Drop off condiments and paper goods to your local food pantry.
- Thank a policeman. Drop off treats to the station with a thank you note.
- Make a Christmas card for your school crossing guard.
- Make hot chocolate.
- Thank a firefighter. Drop off thank you cards and treats to the station.
- Write a thank you letter to Santa to leave for him on Christmas Eve.
- Make a colored construction paper chain.
- Make Christmas cards and drop them off to a nursing home.
- Stop by your church for a few minutes of quiet prayer.
- Set aside some 'wrapping time'.
- Write out your Christmas cards.
- Make cupcakes and leave them for people who help out ~ the mailman, delivery driver, etc.
- Write a note or email to a friend you haven't seen in a while.
- Sing Christmas carols after dinner.
- Spend an hour at the local Senior Center.
- Walk the mall or in your downtown and checkout all the Christmas windows.
- Decorate your Christmas tree.
- Choose a tag from a Christmas Angel Tree. Buy, wrap and return the gift to the tree.
- Smile and say hello to someone you pass on the sidewalk or in the elevator.
- Draw and color a Christmas picture.
- Prepay for an order for a drink and a sandwich. Have the clerk give it to someone who needs it.

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
HOPE						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PEACE						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
JOY						
22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!	26	27	28
LOVE						
29	30	31				