

We hope these Christmas Advent Cards help your family slow down the busyness of the holiday season and spend intentional time together. There is a verse and activity each day to help you prepare your heart and home for this Christmas. Share your family participating in the advent activities on social media by tagging @crosstimberschurch and using #CTChristmas

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Show your appreciation!
Set up a snack station on your front porch for our delivery workers who take good care of us all year long.
Isaiah 40:9-11

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Luke 2:1-21

Decorate ornaments using the names of Jesus: *Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega, Mighty One, Lamb of God.*

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Gather your family around your Christmas before any ornaments are hung. As you begin hanging ornaments, have each family member share something they are grateful for this year.
Isaiah 40:1-5

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Put others first today!
Buy a Christmas gift for a family member and remember that it is good to put what someone else needs over what we want.
Isaiah 52:7-10

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Write a letter to a family friend or some troops stationed overseas. After you've written the letter, *say a prayer as a family* for the recipient and mail them off!
Deut. 18:15-19

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Serving together is a great way to help each other remember the importance of the season! Bring your family to serve together at the Hope Center.
Luke 1: 67-80

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Create a family paper chain using strips of paper. On each strip, *write something you are thankful for and share* as you assemble the chain with your family.
Genesis 15:1-6

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It's good to remember that *Jesus lived a life of putting others first!* Deliver dog treats to your local animal shelter.
Zechariah 6:12-13

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Take time to sort through toys and games. Donate the gently used ones and remember how *Jesus helped those in need!*
Malachi 3:1-4

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It's good to help our family do household chores like raking the yard. Rake leaves into piles and then place them into trash bags. Maybe jump in a leaf pile a time or two!
John 1:1-8

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Micah 5:2-4

Gather your favorite toys and take turns acting out the Christmas story as a family.

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Take your family to look at Christmas lights! Make sure everyone is in their favorite Christmas pajamas...slippers and all! As you cruise around, ask everyone to finish the sentence: *"To me, Christmas means..."*
Mark 1:1-3

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Psalm 149:3

As a family, create a playlist of all your favorite Christmas songs. Have a dance party together!

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Have a game night as a reminder that even in busy seasons, it's important to *slow down* and take some time to be with the people you love most.
Luke 1:57-66

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Luke 1:5-13

Create the best gingerbread house ever! This is a great chance for us to see that *we can do great things together.*

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Luke 1:14-25

Dress up to celebrate Christmas and have a family photoshoot. *The more festive, the better!*

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Refill the snack station that your family set up earlier this month to show your appreciation to delivery workers!
Luke 1:39-56

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Decorate Christmas cookies together. Share what you made with neighbors, bus drivers, friends at work, or someone that could use a cheerful cookie surprise!
Psalm 89:1-4

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Take another night to drive around to see Christmas lights as a family. *Share with each other why Christmas is special to you.*
Isaiah 7:10-14

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Take a neighborhood walk as a family. *Be a good neighbor* and pick up any trash that you see!
Isaiah 9:2-7

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Gather around as a family and take turns reading your favorite book about Jesus' birth. Give each person a chance to *share what makes the birth of Jesus so special!*
Genesis 3:8-15

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Merry Christmas! Decorate a cake and talk about the birth of Jesus with your family. Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.
Luke 2:22-40

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Make a special Christmas treat for a neighbor – don't forget to decorate it! Take it to a neighbor and add an invite to Cross Timbers Christmas Eve services.
Luke 1:26-38

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Attend a Christmas service at Cross Timbers Church! Invite family and friends to join you!
Matthew 1:18-25