

You can print your own Countdown to Christmas Advent Card Deck.

Just print the 3 pages of this document and cut along the dotted lines with household scissors, a paper cutter, or a utility knife and straightedge (please be careful with kids around).

INSTRUCTIONS



How to use the Countdown to Christmas Advent Card Deck:

1. Read the story at the URL at the bottom of each card. Scanning the QR code below will take you to the text.
2. With your family, answer the questions on each card.
3. Pray and ask God to help you apply it to your life.



DECEMBER 1

KEY VERSE: IN GOD WE BOAST ALL THE DAY LONG.
 PSALM 34:2



In today's story, Taylor bragged about her part in the Christmas play. How can you give God credit for the things you do instead of taking the credit yourself?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown01

DECEMBER 2

KEY VERSE: YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
 1 JOHN 5:13



Have you heard the Christmas story many times? Then you know about Jesus, but how can you know Him personally?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown02

DECEMBER 3

KEY VERSE: FOR I HAVE COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO MY OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME.
 JOHN 6:38



What do you think Jesus gave up when He came to earth as a baby?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown03

DECEMBER 4

KEY VERSE: THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.
 LUKE 2:11



Jesus could have come to earth as a powerful king, but He didn't. In what ways was Jesus humble as a helpless baby?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown04

DECEMBER 5

KEY VERSE: EVERYTHING WE HAVE HAS COME FROM YOU, AND WE GIVE YOU ONLY WHAT YOU FIRST GAVE US!
 1 CHRONICLES 29:14



Think about all the things that you're good at. Each of them is a gift from God, and you can use them to glorify Him. What is one thing you're good at, and how can you use it for God?



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DECEMBER 6

KEY VERSE: ISAIAH 53:3 HE WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED—A MAN OF SORROWS, ACQUAINTED WITH DEEPEST GRIEF.



Is there anyone you miss at Christmas? Maybe a family member or a friend has passed away. Who could you talk to when you feel sad or upset, and how might that help?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown06

DECEMBER 7

KEY VERSE: LUKE 2:11 THERE IS BORN TO YOU THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.



It's great to have parties and give presents at Christmas, but don't let it distract you from why we celebrate. What's one thing you could do to celebrate Jesus this year?



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DECEMBER 8

KEY VERSE: HE (GOD) IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION; HE IS MY DEFENSE; I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.
 PSALM 62:6



In today's story, Brennan's Christmas tradition was saved by a giant rock. When has God been a rock of protection for you or your family?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown08

DECEMBER 9

KEY VERSE: MATTHEW 1:23 THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND THEY WILL CALL HIM IMMANUEL (WHICH MEANS "GOD WITH US").



It's hard to wait for Christmas! But thankfully you can accept Jesus's gift of salvation right now. Which part of your Christmas celebration are you most looking forward to?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown09

DECEMBER 10



KEY VERSE: BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU. EPHESIANS 4:32

Jesus came to earth to offer us forgiveness and so we can forgive others too. Is there anything you need to forgive your parents for? Ask God to help you do it.



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DECEMBER 11



KEY VERSE: THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ROMANS 6:23

What do you celebrate at Christmas? What is most important to celebrate?



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown11

DECEMBER 12



KEY VERSE: HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE LIFE. 1 JOHN 5:12

Christmas is the day we celebrate God rescuing us. Have you trusted Jesus to rescue you yet? Go to keysforkids.net/salvation to learn more.



Read the story here: keysforkids.net/countdown12

DECEMBER 13



KEY VERSE: THE ANGEL SAID... "I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY." LUKE 2:10

Do you have too many problems to celebrate this Christmas? Pray and ask God how you can fix your eyes on Jesus instead of your difficulties.



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DECEMBER 14



KEY VERSE: THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, THEY SHALL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW. ISAIAH 1:18

You've heard about having a white Christmas, but has your heart been made as white as snow? Ask God to forgive your sin and confess Jesus as your Lord.



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DECEMBER 15



KEY VERSE: THE KING (JESUS) WILL REPLY, "TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40

The innkeeper couldn't make room for Jesus, but you can! What are some ways you can make room by showing kindness to others?



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DECEMBER 16



KEY VERSE: I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND EXPERIENCE THE MIGHTY POWER THAT RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. PHILIPPIANS 3:10

Knowing the Christmas story is good but not enough. What do you think it means to know Jesus personally?



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DECEMBER 17



KEY VERSE: THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD. 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5

The best gift you can give is yourself. How can you give yourself to Jesus this Christmas?



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DECEMBER 18



KEY VERSE: THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

How can you give to others this Christmas? It doesn't have to be a present. A kind word, an act of service, or letting someone ahead of you in line are all wonderful gifts too!



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DECEMBER 19



KEY VERSE: A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JOHN 13:34

Christmas can be a tough time for some, and they may be hard to be kind to. How can you show them God's love even when they're being difficult?



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DECEMBER 20



KEY VERSE: YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. MATTHEW 1:21

Do your friends know Jesus and why He came to earth? How can you share the true meaning of Christmas with them?



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DECEMBER 21



KEY VERSE: MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY PAYS BACK WRONG FOR WRONG, BUT ALWAYS STRIVE TO DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR EACH OTHER AND FOR EVERYONE ELSE. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:15

Do you have a grinch in your life? Maybe a neighbor or a classmate who is hard to love? How can your joy in Jesus show them His love when they're at their grinchiest?



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DECEMBER 22



KEY VERSE: (JESUS) SAID TO THEM, "COME WITH ME BY YOURSELVES TO A QUIET PLACE AND GET SOME REST." MARK 6:31

Is your Christmas to-do list a mile long? This can be a really busy season, so how can you pause and rest in Jesus?



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DECEMBER 23



KEY VERSE: WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT. MATTHEW 20:27

In today's story, Kaylee was too proud to be a good Mary in the play. Are you humble or proud? Ask God how you can be a humble servant like Mary.



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DECEMBER 24



KEY VERSE: DO NOT WORK FOR FOOD THAT SPOILS, BUT FOR FOOD THAT ENDURES FOR ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH THE SON OF MAN (JESUS) WILL GIVE YOU. JOHN 6:27

What do you think Jesus gave up when He came to earth as a baby?



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DECEMBER 25



KEY VERSE: THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE... I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. JOHN 14:2

Do you build gingerbread houses during Christmas? How can you be encouraged that Jesus is building a home for you?



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 26



KEY VERSE: PUT OFF THE OLD... PUT ON THE NEW. COLOSSIANS 3:9-10

Just like stores put Christmas items on sale to get rid of them, what sinful habits do you need God to help you get rid of? What good habits can you replace them with?



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DECEMBER 27



KEY VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!

The Christmas season is nearing an end, but that doesn't mean you have to stop remembering Jesus's gift of salvation. How does this gift change your thoughts and actions?



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DECEMBER 28



KEY VERSE: THROUGH ONE MAN'S RIGHTEOUS ACT THE FREE GIFT CAME TO ALL MEN. ROMANS 5:18

In today's story, Henry discovers a gift they missed on Christmas Day. Have you accepted God's gift of salvation? Who can you share this gift with who needs it?



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DECEMBER 29



KEY VERSE: HOW GOOD IT IS TO BE NEAR GOD! I HAVE MADE THE SOVEREIGN LORD MY SHELTER, AND I WILL TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THE WONDERFUL THINGS YOU DO. PSALM 73:28

Do you get discouraged when kids who aren't Christians still get good gifts? Instead, share the best gift with them—salvation from Jesus. Who can you pray for who needs this gift?



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DECEMBER 30



KEY VERSE: ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. MATTHEW 7:7

Did you pray for a particular Christmas gift, but didn't receive it? Maybe God is asking you to do something as a part of His answer to your prayer. Ask Him to show you your part.



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DECEMBER 31



KEY VERSE: CHRIST SUFFERED FOR OUR SINS ONCE FOR ALL TIME. HE NEVER SINNED, BUT HE DIED FOR SINNERS TO BRING YOU SAFELY HOME TO GOD. 1 PETER 3:18

Christmas vacation is a good time to take a break from your regular routine. Ask God to help you balance work, fun, and rest.



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