



GLORY

ADVENT 2023

cherry hills church

life together

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Merry Christmas and welcome to the season of Advent. I'm so glad you decided to pick up one of our Advent Card Decks. If you are new to the season of Advent, think of it as a journey to Christmas day that many in the Church worldwide travel over the four weeks prior to December 25. The word Advent comes from Latin and means "arrival" or "coming."

During this season Christians worldwide remember together that we live between the first and the second arrival of Jesus Christ.

This deck of cards is designed to help us do just that. To immerse us in a story that is playing out all around us. The truest story of them all, the story of God redeeming the world in and through Jesus Christ and His Church.

As you and your family participate in these practices together, we pray it anchors you, if only briefly, in the way of Jesus and reminds you that, as C.S. Lewis wrote “Aslan, the true King, is on the move.” The Kingdom of God is already making itself manifest in the world and we who call him King and choose to follow Him are invited into the adventure of a lifetime following His lead and His call.

HOW TO PLAY

This advent season we wanted to provide a way for cherry hills families to participate in some spiritual practices together. This deck of cards is meant to be spiritually rich and a lot of fun. You will find days with scripture readings and memorization challenges, times for gratitude, some technology fasting challenges, and even some family fun.

So here is our recommendation on “how to play.”

1. Each day pull out the next card. Card one should be pulled on November 27th.
2. Pull the day's card when everyone in your family is present, we suggest in the evening around the dinner table, but choose a time that works best for your family.



1

NOVEMBER 27

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **JOHN 1:1-5** ALOUD 3
TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE



2

NOVEMBER 28

GRATITUDE

HAVE EACH PERSON
SHARE 3 THINGS THEY
ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

BONUS POINTS!
SPEND TIME THANKING
GOD IN PRAYER FOR
THESE THINGS.

GRATITUDE



3

NOVEMBER 29

FAMILY FUN

PLAN A FUN/SPECIAL
DESSERT TO ENJOY
TOGETHER THIS
WEEKEND!

BONUS POINTS!
MAKE ENOUGH TO
BRING TO A NEIGHBOR.

FAMILY FUN

The background is a solid red color with a repeating pattern of white symbols. The symbols include a crown with four points and four diamonds, a five-pointed star, a flame, and a chalice. A large white number '4' is centered on the page.

4

NOVEMBER 30

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **GENESIS 1:1-5** ALOUD
3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

BONUS POINTS!
READ JOHN 1:1-5 AND
SHARE ANY
CONNECTIONS YOU SEE.

SCRIPTURE



5

DECEMBER 1

TECH FAST

FOR ONE HOUR AFTER
DINNER TONIGHT
PLACE EVERYONE'S
PHONES IN A BASKET IN
A CLOSET.

BONUS POINTS!
CONTINUE THIS ONE
HOUR OFF PHONES
EACH NIGHT UNTIL
MONDAY.

TECH FAST



6

DECEMBER 2

FAMILY FUN

CALL OR FACETIME A
LOVED ONE WHO LIVES
FAR AWAY.

THINK GRANDPARENTS,
AUNTS AND UNCLES,
OLD FRIENDS, OR EVEN
SOMEONE WHO HAS
RECENTLY MOVED.

FAMILY FUN



7

DECEMBER 3

SCRIPTURE

SPEND SOME TIME THIS
WEEK MEMORIZING
JOHN 1:1-3.

BONUS POINTS!
ADD VS. 4&5 AS WELL!

PLACE THIS CARD SOMEWHERE
CENTRAL SO YOU DON'T FORGET.
(FRIDGE, MIRROR, ETC.)

SCRIPTURE



8

DECEMBER 4

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **JOHN 1:6-13** ALOUD
3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE



9

DECEMBER 5

FAMILY FUN

PICK A FAVORITE GAME
TO PLAY TOGETHER AS A
FAMILY.

PLAY TONIGHT OR SET
UP A TIME LATER IN THE
WEEK.

FAMILY FUN



10

DECEMBER 6

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **HEBREWS 1:1-4**

ALOUD 3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

BONUS POINTS!

READ JOHN 1:6-13 AND

SHARE ANY

CONNECTIONS YOU SEE.

SCRIPTURE



11

DECEMBER 7

GRATITUDE

HAVE EACH PERSON
SHARE 3 THINGS THEY
ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

BONUS POINTS!
AFTER EVERYONE
SHARES SPEND TIME IN
PRAYER THANKING GOD
FOR THESE THINGS.

GRATITUDE



12

DECEMBER 8

SCRIPTURE

HAVE EVERYONE RECITE
LAST WEEK'S MEMORY
VERSES.

SPEND SOME TIME THIS
WEEK MEMORIZING
THESE VERSES:

JOHN 1:6-8

BONUS POINTS!
ADD VERSES 9&10.

SCRIPTURE



13

DECEMBER 9

TECH FAST

SPEND 24 HOURS OFF
OF SOCIAL MEDIA.
DELETE THE APPS FROM
YOUR PHONES.

DON'T HAVE SOCIAL
MEDIA? DO THE ABOVE
WITH YOUR FAVORITE
APP.

BONUS POINTS!
CONTINUE FOR ONE
WEEK.

TECH FAST



14

DECEMBER 10

FAMILY FUN

BUNDLE UP AND MAKE
SOME HOT DRINKS “TO
GO.”

TAKE A WALK AROUND
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
AND PRAY FOR YOUR
NEIGHBORS BY NAME.

FAMILY FUN



15

DECEMBER 11

GRATITUDE

HAVE EACH PERSON
SHARE 3 THINGS THEY
ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

BONUS POINTS!
AFTER EVERYONE
SHARES SPEND TIME IN
PRAYER THANKING GOD
FOR THESE THINGS.

GRATITUDE



16

DECEMBER 12

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **JOHN 1:11-14** ALOUD
3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE



17

DECEMBER 13

TECH FAST

TOMORROW MORNING
SPEND SOME TIME
READING SCRIPTURE
BEFORE LOOKING AT
YOUR PHONE.

BONUS POINTS!
CONTINUE THIS FOR
THE REST OF THE WEEK.

TECH FAST



18

DECEMBER 14

SCRIPTURE

HAVE EVERYONE RECITE
LAST WEEK'S MEMORY
VERSES.

SPEND TIME THIS WEEK
MEMORIZING THIS
VERSE: JOHN 1:14.

BONUS POINTS!
ADD VERSES 11-13 AS
WELL.

SCRIPTURE



19

DECEMBER 15

FAMILY FUN

EVERYONE GET ON
YOUR PAJAMAS, MAKE
SOME HOT CHOCOLATE,
AND JUMP IN THE CAR
TO GO LOOK AT
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

IF YOU'VE ALREADY
LOOKED AT LIGHTS THIS
SEASON WATCH A
CHRISTMAS MOVIE IN
YOUR PJ'S INSTEAD!

FAMILY FUN



20

DECEMBER 16

GRATITUDE

HAVE EACH PERSON
SHARE 3 THINGS THEY
ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

BONUS POINTS!
AFTER EVERYONE
SHARES SPEND TIME IN
PRAYER THANKING GOD
FOR THESE THINGS.

GRATITUDE



21

DECEMBER 17

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **ISAIAH 6:1-3**

ALOUD 3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE



22

DECEMBER 18

FAMILY FUN

GO AROUND YOUR
TABLE AND HAVE
EVERYONE SHARE A
FAVORITE CHRISTMAS
MEMORY.

BONUS POINTS!
PULL UP SOME OLD
PICTURES OF PAST
CHRISTMASSES TO LOOK
AT AS A FAMILY.

FAMILY FUN



23

DECEMBER 19

TECHFAST

CHECK THE NUMBER OF HOURS YOU SPENT ON YOUR SCREEN IN THE LAST WEEK.

THIS WEEK SET LIMITS (YOU CAN DO THIS IN SETTINGS) TO REDUCE THAT NUMBER BY HALF.

TECHFAST



24

DECEMBER 20

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **EPHESIANS 1:17-21**
THREE TIMES ALOUD.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE



25

DECEMBER 21

FAMILY FUN

SING A CHRISTMAS
CAROL TOGETHER OR
LISTEN TO YOUR
FAVORITE CHRISTMAS
ALBUM.

BONUS POINTS!
GO CAROLING
TOGETHER IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD.

FAMILY FUN



26

DECEMBER 22

GRATITUDE

HAVE EACH PERSON
SHARE 3 THINGS THEY
ARE GRATEFUL FOR.

BONUS POINTS!
AFTER EVERYONE
SHARES SPEND TIME IN
PRAYER THANKING GOD
FOR THESE THINGS.

GRATITUDE



27

DECEMBER 23

SCRIPTURE

HAVE EVERYONE RECITE
LAST WEEK'S MEMORY
VERSE(S).

SPEND TIME THIS WEEK
MEMORIZING THIS
VERSE: JOHN 1:17.

BONUS POINTS!
MEMORIZE JOHN 1:15-18.

SCRIPTURE



28

DECEMBER 24

SCRIPTURE

GRAB A BIBLE.

READ **JOHN 1:15-18** ALOUD
3 TIMES SLOWLY.

THEN SHARE WHAT
STANDS OUT.

SCRIPTURE

A festive collage of Christmas symbols including trees, stars, and a crown. The symbols are arranged in a grid-like pattern with various colors like green, gold, red, blue, and black. The central text is on a white rectangular background.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

CHERRY HILLS FAMILY

The day we have long waited for is finally here, and we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God with us.

Thanks for joining on this Advent journey in John 1. We pray that through the practices of the slow reading of Scripture, silence, gratitude, technology fasting, and reflection, you have been able to slow down this Christmas season and enjoy the presence of family, friends and the Lord Himself.

Before you step into the busyness of Christmas day and the tradition of opening presents, we encourage you to slow down once again and read the story of Jesus' birth found in the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20. Then, stop and thank God for the greatest gift ever given: Jesus.

We look forward to 2024 and continuing to give ourselves fully to the way of Jesus and His mission.

Merry Christmas! With much love,
Brian and Steve