

Advent Bible Reading Calendar

Twenty-five days from the first promise to the manger: one short reading a night, December 1 to Christmas Day. Check off each day, read the passage together, and let the one-line summary start the conversation. Free to print and copy.

Day	Reading		The story
Dec 1	The First Promise	Genesis 3:8-15	In the garden, on the worst day, God makes the first promise: the serpent-crusher will come.
Dec 2	The Sign of Immanuel	Isaiah 7:10-14	The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and call him Immanuel — God with us.
Dec 3	A Child Is Born	Isaiah 9:2-7	The people walking in darkness see a great light: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.
Dec 4	The Branch from Jesse	Isaiah 11:1-10	From the stump of Jesse's family tree, a Branch will grow — and the wolf will lie down with the lamb.
Dec 5	Little Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5	Seven hundred years early, the prophet names the town: out of tiny Bethlehem comes the Ruler.
Dec 6	The Star and the Scepter	Numbers 24:15-17	Even a reluctant prophet sees it far off: a star will come out of Jacob.
Dec 7	The Righteous Branch	Jeremiah 33:14-16	In dark days, God repeats the promise: a righteous Branch from David's line.
Dec 8	Comfort, Comfort	Isaiah 40:1-5	Prepare the way for the Lord — every valley raised, and the glory of the Lord revealed.
Dec 9	The Messenger	Malachi 3:1; 4:2	The last prophet's word before four hundred years of silence: the messenger is coming.
Dec 10	The Desert Blooms	Isaiah 35:1-6	When He comes, blind eyes open, deaf ears hear, and the desert bursts into flower.
Dec 11	An Angel in the Temple	Luke 1:5-25	The silence breaks: Gabriel tells old Zechariah his son will prepare the Lord's way.
Dec 12	The Annunciation	Luke 1:26-38	Gabriel comes to Mary in Nazareth: 'You will conceive and give birth to a son... the Son of God.'
Dec 13	Mary Visits Elizabeth	Luke 1:39-45	John leaps in the womb, and Elizabeth cries: 'Blessed is she who has believed!'
Dec 14	Mary's Song	Luke 1:46-56	The Magnificat: 'My soul glorifies the Lord... He has lifted up the humble.'
Dec 15	John Is Born	Luke 1:57-66	The forerunner arrives, and everyone asks: 'What then is this child going to be?'
Dec 16	Zechariah's Song	Luke 1:67-80	His tongue set free, Zechariah sings of the rising sun coming to us from heaven.
Dec 17	The Family Tree	Matthew 1:1-17	Abraham to David to the exile to Joseph — the whole crooked, graced line that leads to Jesus.
Dec 18	Joseph's Dream	Matthew 1:18-25	An angel tells Joseph: 'Name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

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Dec 19	The Road to Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-5	A census moves an empire so one young family arrives in the town the prophet named.
Dec 20	No Room	Luke 2:6-7	The King of kings is born and laid in a manger, because there was no guest room.
Dec 21	Angels over the Fields	Luke 2:8-14	Glory blazes over a night shift: 'I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'
Dec 22	The Shepherds Run	Luke 2:15-20	The shepherds hurry, find the baby, and leave glorifying God — the first to spread the word.
Dec 23	The Magi and the Star	Matthew 2:1-12	Wise men follow the star, bow low, and open their treasures: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Dec 24	Simeon's Arms	Luke 2:21-35	Old Simeon holds the baby and sings: 'My eyes have seen your salvation.'
Dec 25	The Word Made Flesh	John 1:1-14	Christmas Day: the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us — full of grace and truth.