










Advent 2025: Spacious Faith

During Advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus.
We can prepare in many ways, including praying, singing, sharing, and reading.
Scratch off one sticker each day to reveal a preparation activity for that day.

This week, we light the candle of:		SUNDAY Enjoy Something	MONDAY Breathe a Breath Prayer*	TUESDAY Watch & Discuss	WEDNESDAY Share!	THURSDAY Sing!	FRIDAY Read & Wonder	SATURDAY Write!
WEEK 1		30 Enjoy something with honey in it – or on it! Color the HOPE candle.	1 Breath prayer: Prepare my heart; to receive your Spirit.	2 	3 Share about baptism –your own, one you have seen, or questions you have.	4 <i>Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord</i> (VT 219) 	5 Matthew 1:18-25 What do you wonder about?	6 "God is with us." Post it where you will see it every day.
		7 Enjoy a nap and see if God speaks to you in a dream. Color the PEACE candle.	8 Breath prayer: I am not afraid. You are with me.	9 	10 Share about a dream you had recently.	11 <i>Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> (VT 218) 	12 Read: Luke 1:39-56 What do you wonder about?	13 "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Post it where you will see it every day.
		14 Enjoy time with people you love. Color the JOY candle.	15 Breath Prayer: God, lift the lowly. God, fill the hungry.	16 	17 Share a blessing with a family member or friend.	18 <i>My Soul Cries Out</i> (VT 412) 	19 Read: John 1:1-14 What do you wonder about?	20 "The Word became flesh and lived among us." Post it where you will see it every day.
		21 Enjoy the light! Watch a sunrise or sunset, light a candle, gather around a fireplace. Color the LOVE candle.	22 Breath prayer: You are the life and the light of the world.	23 	24 Christmas Eve Read: Luke 2:1-20 What do you wonder about?	25 Christmas Day <i>Joy to the World</i> (VT 240) 	<p><u>Directions:</u> Place a scratch-off sticker over the middle of each day's message. Scratch off one sticker each day to reveal a preparation activity for that day.</p> <div> <p>*Breath Prayer: Breathe IN while saying the 1st phrase. Breathe OUT while saying the 2nd phrase. Repeat.</p> </div>	



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Advent Children's Blessing *(with actions)*

God of spacious faith,
(hands spread wide in front, like opening a big door)

Make our hearts big enough to welcome your love
(hands over heart)

Make our minds open enough to learn your ways.
(hands point to the head)

Make our bodies brave enough to follow Jesus
(hands down at sides strongly and resolutely)

Help us make room for wonder,
(hands circle over head)

Room for kindness,
(hands cup in front)

Room for loving everyone and ourselves
(hands cross the body into a self hug)

We wait, we watch, and we pray for you to come again
(hands clasped in prayer)

Amen

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