O Come, All Ye *Tired*

A 25-DAY ADVENT GUIDE

FOR PEOPLE WHO SHOWED UP TIRED

skipping days allowed



Chaotic Sunshine

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WELCOME, FRIEND

Pull up a chair. *You made it.*

If you picked this up with a to-do list in one hand and a half-wrapped gift in the other, you're exactly who it's for.

Can I tell you a secret? I love Christmas. The twinkle lights, the carols on repeat, the cookie crumbs on every counter, all of it. I also know how tired December can make us. This guide holds both.

Advent means "coming." For four weeks before Christmas, God's people practice waiting for Jesus: the baby who came, and the King who's coming back. Here you get 25 short days, December 1 to 25, about five minutes each.

You don't have to do it perfectly. Skip a day? Pick up where you are. Read three at once on the couch? Great. The goal is more joy, not more stress.

Let's go meet the God who never gets tired.

Amy



WHAT THIS GUIDE IS FOR

- 5 minutes a day to meet God in the middle of the season.
- The real Christmas story, told through the people who waited for it.
- A way to bring your people along: kids, a friend, your group, your church.
- Room for fun: candles, cider, cocoa, cookies, and traditions you'll want to keep.

For single women and married women, moms and grandmas, empty nesters, caregivers, night-shift workers, and anyone spending part of Christmas alone. Everyone gets a seat at this table.

HOW IT WORKS

Five minutes. *That's the deal.*

EACH DAY HAS

READING	one or two verses, with the whole story listed if you want more.
SOUL SNACK	a short, honest devotion. About 2 minutes.
SIT WITH THIS	one question to think, journal, or text a friend.
FOR LITTLE ONES	a kid-size version to do together.
DID YOU KNOW?	one bit of Bible history to bring to dinner.
TINY STEP	one small thing to do today.
PRAY + PASS IT ON	a one-line prayer and a line to text a friend.

FOUR WAYS TO USE IT

ALONE	Five quiet minutes, morning or night.
WITH YOUR KIDS	Read For Little Ones out loud and do the Gatherings together.
WITH A FRIEND	Text each other your Sit With This answer every day.
WITH YOUR CHURCH	Use the 4-week group plan in the back. Print all the copies you want.

THE ADVENT WREATH IN 30 SECONDS



Four candles in a circle, one more each week, plus the white one in the middle on Christmas. Purple is for waiting. Pink is joy breaking through. White is Jesus.

● **Hope**	Week 1	Dec 1
● **Peace**	Week 2	Dec 8
● **Joy**	Week 3	Dec 15
● **Love**	Week 4	Dec 22
○ **Christ candle**	Christmas	Dec 25

No wreath? Four jars and tea lights work. God is not grading your centerpiece.

Advent officially starts Sunday, November 29. This guide starts December 1 so the days match the calendar. Light each week's candle any night that week.

YOUR PERMISSION SLIP · CUT IT OUT, STICK IT ON THE FRIDGE

I, _____, have permission to: skip a day without guilt · buy the cookies · say no to one party · nap · read this in the car line · cry at the Christmas program · let it be simple.

Signed, me (and God already said yes)

LIGHT THE WAY

Your Advent *tracker*

Color one star each day you read. Missed some? Color them when you catch up. The Christmas star is extra big, because it's a party.



BECAUSE I LOVE CHRISTMAS

25 Little *Christmas Delights*

One for every day, if you want it. Check them off, swap them around, do three on a Saturday. Joy is part of the point.

- [ ] 1 Play your favorite carol loud while you make dinner.
- [ ] 2 Drive the long way home to see the lights.
- [ ] 3 Wear the Christmas sweater on a regular Tuesday.
- [ ] 4 Eat a candy cane for breakfast. Just one.
- [ ] 5 Mail a card to someone who isn't expecting one.
- [ ] 6 Watch the Christmas movie you can quote by heart.
- [ ] 7 Turn off every lamp and sit by the tree lights.
- [ ] 8 Leave a treat for the mail carrier.
- [ ] 9 Hang one ornament and tell its story.
- [ ] 10 Cut paper snowflakes, even lopsided ones.
- [ ] 11 Sing in the car. Loudly.
- [ ] 12 Drink cocoa from your fanciest mug.
- [ ] 13 Read Luke 2 by candlelight.
- [ ] 14 Bake something and give half away.
- [ ] 15 Carol for one neighbor. One counts.
- [ ] 16 Wrap a gift for someone who won't get many.
- [ ] 17 Tuck a love note in a stocking.
- [ ] 18 Wear pajamas to dinner.
- [ ] 19 Call the person who taught you to love Christmas.
- [ ] 20 Put a candle in the window for someone far away.
- [ ] 21 Take a slow walk on the longest night of the year.
- [ ] 22 Tip extra somewhere today.
- [ ] 23 Write down 25 good things from this year.
- [ ] 24 Leave the porch light on all night.
- [ ] 25 Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

WEEK ONE · WEEKEND GATHERING

Light the *Hope* Candle



Gather whoever's around, a candle, and a warm mug of Hope Cider. Any night this week works. Pajamas encouraged.

SAY IT TOGETHER

ONE We light this candle for hope.

ALL *Because God never grows tired.*

ONE The nights are long, and the light is coming.

ALL *Come, Lord Jesus. We're ready.*

MEMORY VERSE

> *"They will soar on wings like eagles."*
>
> ISAIAH 40:31 · NIV

TINY PRACTICE · HOPE NOTES

Write a short note to someone running on empty: a night-shift nurse, a new mom, a neighbor who lost someone this year. Tell them one true thing you admire about them. Cut-out cards are in the back.

FOR LITTLE ONES

Draw a candle and give it to someone who looks tired.

THE TREAT PATH

No candle? Make the cider and let the first cup be your lighting.

MAKE IT MERRY

String the lights, put on the first carol of the season, and let the kids pick the playlist.

AROUND OUR TABLE THIS WEEK

WEEK ONE · GATHERING TREAT



Slow-Simmer *Hope Cider*

Your whole house will smell like Christmas morning.

SERVES 8 · 10 MINUTES TO PREP

YOU'LL NEED

- 1/2 gallon apple cider
- 1 orange, sliced into rounds
- 12 whole cloves
- 3 cinnamon sticks, plus more for mugs
- 2 star anise (optional)
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup or brown sugar

LITTLE HANDS

Kids press the cloves into the oranges. Count them out loud.

MAKE IT

1. Press the cloves into the orange slices.
2. Add everything to a slow cooker or a big pot.
3. Slow cooker: low for 2 to 3 hours. Stovetop: barely simmer 20 minutes. Don't let it boil.
4. Ladle into mugs and tuck in a cinnamon stick.

MAKE IT FANCY

Top with whipped cream and a drizzle of caramel.

KITCHEN NOTES · WHO HELPED, WHAT WE'D CHANGE, WHO WE SHARED WITH

1 Strength for the *Worn Out*

WHOLE STORY: ISAIAH 40:28-31 · 5 MINUTES

DEC

This week's Gathering: light the Hope candle and make Hope Cider.

> *He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*
>
> ISAIAH 40:29, 31 · NIV



SOUL SNACK

Welcome to Advent, friend. If you showed up tired, you're right on time. Look who God is talking to: the weary and the weak. Being tired is a human thing. It's no character flaw.

Now look who never runs low. While you run on fumes and a half-finished gift list, the Creator of the ends of the earth is wide awake. To hope in the Lord means waiting with expectation, like watching the window for headlights. Some days you soar. Some days the miracle is walking without fainting. Both made it into the verse. Let's begin.

SIT WITH THIS

What's draining you most this December, and what would it look like to hand that one thing to God?

FOR LITTLE ONES

God never gets sleepy! Tell God what makes you tired at bedtime tonight.

DID YOU KNOW?

Isaiah wrote this chapter to people far from home in exile. It opens with "Comfort, comfort my people."

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Cross one thing off your list without doing it.

MARGIN NOTES

walking counts.

PRAY *Lord, I'm tired. Thank You that You never are. Carry me today. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Some days you soar. Some days you just don't faint. Both count.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

2 Light for the *Dark Road*

5 MINUTES

DEC



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> *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*
>
> ISAIAH 9:2 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

December gets dark early. You start dinner and it already looks like midnight. Isaiah wrote to people in a long, dark season of their own. And notice who does the work here. The people are just walking. The light dawned on them.

That's how Advent works. You keep putting one foot in front of the other, maybe tripping over a box of ornaments, and God brings the light to you. Some of you are walking a hard December: an empty chair, a diagnosis, a house that got quiet. Dawn is still coming. Keep walking.

SIT WITH THIS

Where does December feel darkest right now, and where have you already seen a little light?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Turn off the lights and light one candle together. See how one little light fills the room? That's what Jesus does.

DID YOU KNOW?

Handel set this verse to music in Messiah, the piece many choirs still sing every December.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Turn on a lamp or light a candle before dinner tonight.

MARGIN NOTES

Look for one small light today.

PRAY *Jesus, light the dark corners of my December, one step at a time. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Keep walking. The light is coming to you.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

3 DEC New Every *Morning*

5 MINUTES



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> *Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
>
> LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Lamentations is the Bible's sad-song album. Five chapters of grief over a city in ruins. Then, in the middle of the heaviest book, this pops up like a sunrise. The writer didn't pen it on a good day. He chose to remember something truer than his circumstances.

New every morning means yesterday's mess doesn't roll over. The words you snapped, the gift you forgot to mail, the tree still in the garage. God's compassion came in a fresh batch at sunrise. Leave yesterday's guilt in yesterday. Mercy got here first.

SIT WITH THIS

What from yesterday do you need to leave in yesterday?

FOR LITTLE ONES

God's love is brand new every morning, like fresh snow. Name one thing to thank God for when you wake up.

DID YOU KNOW?

The hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" comes from these two verses.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Open the blinds first thing tomorrow and say, "Good morning, mercy."

MARGIN NOTES

Fresh batch. Every. Morning.

PRAY *Father, thank You for fresh mercy this morning. I'm leaving yesterday with You. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Yesterday's mess doesn't roll over. Mercy got here first.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

4 DEC

Waiting Like a *Watchman*

5 MINUTES

> *I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.*
>
> PSALM 130:5-6 · NIV



SOUL SNACK

Ever worked a night shift, or sat up with a sick kid or a parent in a hospital bed? Then you know the watchman's wait. The clock barely moves. You keep checking the window for the first gray line of morning.

The psalmist says it twice, because once isn't enough for a long night. Here's the comfort tucked inside: watchmen never wonder if morning will come. Only when. Whatever you're waiting on, a phone call, a healing, a prodigal coming home, you can wait like someone who knows the sun is coming up. It is.

SIT WITH THIS

What are you waiting on right now, and what helps you wait with hope?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Waiting is hard! Count on your fingers how many days until Christmas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Psalm 130 is a Song of Ascents, sung by travelers walking uphill to Jerusalem.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Text a night-shift worker or caregiver: "Praying for you tonight."

MARGIN NOTES

Morning always comes.

PRAY *Lord, help me wait like a watchman, sure that morning is coming. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Watchmen don't wonder if morning comes. Only when.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

5 DEC

A New Thing, *Even Now*

5 MINUTES



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> *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*
>
> ISAIAH 43:19 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

God asks a funny question here: "Do you not perceive it?" As in, it's already happening and you might be missing it. Midlife can make us feel like the new things are over. The kids are grown, the calendar repeats. Then God says, present tense: Now it springs up.

New things start small. A green shoot through frozen ground. A conversation that goes deeper than expected. A sudden itch to sign up for the pottery class. God specializes in roads where there weren't any. Eyes open.

SIT WITH THIS

Where might God be starting something new that you haven't noticed yet?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Draw something new God made, like snow, a star, or YOU.

DID YOU KNOW?

"A way in the wilderness" echoes the Exodus, when God made a road through the sea.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Spot one new thing today and say it out loud.

MARGIN NOTES

Look for the green shoot.

PRAY *God, open my eyes to the new thing You're already doing. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

The new things aren't over. Now it springs up.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

6 Overflowing with *Hope*

5 MINUTES

DEC



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> *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
>
> ROMANS 15:13 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

This verse is a blessing Paul prayed over people he loved. Read it like he's saying it over you, because today he is. Notice the order. God fills you, then you overflow. Nobody asked you to manufacture hope on your own.

And overflow is messy in the best way. It's the cocoa that spills over the rim when someone adds one too many marshmallows. Hope that overflows lands on the people near you, planned or not. Hold out your cup. Then go be a little spilly.

SIT WITH THIS

Who in your life could use some of your overflow this week?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Fill a cup with water until it spills over. That's how much hope God wants to give you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Paul wrote Romans to a church he had never visited yet.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Make a cup of cocoa for someone else first.

MARGIN NOTES

Hold out your cup.

PRAY *Holy Spirit, fill my cup until it spills on someone who needs it. Amen.*

PASS IT ON **#OCOMEALLYETIRED**

Hold out your cup. God does the filling.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

7 DEC I Watch in *Hope*

5 MINUTES

> *But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.*
>
> MICAH 7:7 · NIV



SOUL SNACK

Micah 7 starts rough. The prophet can't find anyone to trust: not neighbors, not friends, not even family. If your group text has gone quiet or your holiday table feels complicated, Micah gets it.

Then verse 7 opens with four small words: But as for me. That's a decision. Whatever everyone else is doing, I'll watch for God. One week down. You showed up tired and kept coming back, skipped days and all. That counts. Well done.

SIT WITH THIS

Finish the sentence: But as for me, I will...

FOR LITTLE ONES

God hears you even when you whisper. Whisper a prayer right now.

DID YOU KNOW?

Micah is the prophet who named Bethlehem as the Messiah's hometown, 700 years early (Micah 5:2).

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Write "But as for me..." on a sticky note for your mirror.

MARGIN NOTES

But as for me...

PRAY *But as for me, Lord, I'm watching for You. Hear me today. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

But as for me, I'm watching for Him.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

WEEK TWO · WEEKEND GATHERING

Light the *Peace* Candle



Relight the Hope candle, then light the second purple candle. Make a pot of Fancy Hot Chocolate and set out every topping you own.

SAY IT TOGETHER

ONE We light this candle for peace.

ALL *Because God keeps His promises.*

ONE Even when the wait is long.

ALL *Come, Lord Jesus. We're ready.*

MEMORY VERSE

> *"For no word from God will ever fail."*
>
> LUKE 1:37 · NIV

TINY PRACTICE · BE SOMEBODY'S ELIZABETH

Call, visit, or text a friend who's waiting on something: a baby, a job, a diagnosis, a person to come home. Tell her, "I believe God is going to show up for you." Then ask how to pray, and pray right then.

FOR LITTLE ONES

Make a hug coupon and give it away.

THE TREAT PATH

No candle? Clink your mugs together. That's your lighting.

MAKE IT MERRY

Cocoa in pajamas, a Christmas movie, and nobody checks their phone.

AROUND OUR TABLE THIS WEEK

WEEK TWO · GATHERING TREAT



Fancy *Hot Chocolate*

Thick, silky, and worth the good mug.

SERVES 4 · 15 MINUTES

YOU'LL NEED

- 3 cups whole milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 6 oz semisweet or dark chocolate, chopped
- 2 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 to 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla and a pinch of salt

LITTLE HANDS

Kids run the toppings bar. Nobody needs fewer marshmallows.

MAKE IT

1. Warm the milk and cream over medium-low until it steams.
2. Whisk in the cocoa and sugar until smooth.
3. Add the chocolate and whisk until it melts and turns glossy.
4. Off the heat, stir in vanilla and salt. Taste and sweeten.

MAKE IT FANCY

Toppings bar: whipped cream, mini marshmallows, crushed candy canes, chocolate shavings, a peppermint stick to stir.

KITCHEN NOTES · WHO HELPED, WHAT WE'D CHANGE, WHO WE SHARED WITH

8 The Long *Wait*

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WHOLE STORY: LUKE 1:5-25 · 5 MINUTES

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This week's Gathering: light the Peace candle and make Fancy Hot Chocolate.

> *But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John."*
>
> LUKE 1:13 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Zechariah and Elizabeth prayed for a baby for years. Luke says they were "very old," which is Bible for: everyone stopped asking. They kept serving God anyway, through the disappointment and the baby showers they threw for other people.

Then, on an ordinary workday, an angel shows up: your prayer has been heard. The prayer Zechariah had probably stopped saying out loud. God remembered it the whole time. He was writing a bigger story, one where their son would get the world ready for Jesus. If you have a prayer you quietly set down, today it gets dusted off.

SIT WITH THIS

What prayer did you quietly stop praying? Would you pray it one more time today?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Zechariah couldn't talk until the baby came! Be silent for one whole minute and just listen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Zechariah means "the Lord remembers." Elizabeth means "my God is an oath," a promise. Together: God remembers His promise.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Say the prayer you set down out loud, once.

MARGIN NOTES

Heard. Every word.

PRAY *God, You heard every prayer I stopped saying. I'm saying it again. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Your prayer has been heard. Even the one you stopped saying out loud.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

9 DEC

Mary's *Yes*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 1:26-38 · 5 MINUTES



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> *"For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*
>
> LUKE 1:37-38 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Mary was probably a teenager in a tiny town when God's plan showed up at her door. It came with zero details: how this would work, what the neighbors would say, how Joseph would take it. Just a promise. No word from God will ever fail.

And Mary said yes. "I am the Lord's servant" might be the bravest sentence in the whole Christmas story. Her yes was small and probably scared, and it changed everything. Yours can too. You can take the first step with no map, holding the hand of the God who drew it.

SIT WITH THIS

What is God inviting you to say yes to, even without all the details?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Say "Yes, God!" in your bravest, loudest voice.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nazareth was so small that someone later asked, "Can anything good come from there?" (John 1:46).

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Say yes to one small nudge today.

MARGIN NOTES

Small and scared still counts.

PRAY *Lord, I don't have the map. Here's my yes anyway. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Take the next yes. God holds the map.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

10 DEC Two Women, *One Hug*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 1:39-45 · 5 MINUTES



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> *"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"*
>
> LUKE 1:45 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Right after the angel leaves, Mary hurries to see her older cousin Elizabeth. Of course she does. When your life flips upside down, you go find your person.

Before Mary can even explain, Elizabeth believes for her. Baby John jumps, Elizabeth shouts a blessing, and Mary gets exactly what she needs: someone who says, "I see it too." That's friendship the way God designed it, a friend who believes God's promise over you while your own faith catches its breath. Who's your Elizabeth? And who needs you to be theirs?

SIT WITH THIS

Who believed for you when you couldn't? Who needs you to believe for them this week?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Give someone a big hug and tell them one thing God loves about them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months (Luke 1:56).

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Text a friend who's waiting: "I believe God's going to show up for you."

MARGIN NOTES

Find your Elizabeth.

PRAY *Jesus, make me someone's Elizabeth this week. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Be the friend who says, "I believe God's going to show up for you."

Text it to one tired friend: _____

11 Mary's *Song*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 1:46-55 · 5 MINUTES

DEC



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> *And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant."*
>
> LUKE 1:46-48 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Mary hasn't had a baby shower. She hasn't figured out what to tell the neighbors. And she bursts into song anyway, about a God who lifts up the humble and fills the hungry with good things. She sings like it's already done.

Look at what she calls God: Savior, Mighty One, holy. And mindful. Mindful means He noticed her, a girl from a no-name town. He notices you too, in the minivan, the break room, the 2 a.m. kitchen. Try praising before the answer shows up. It changes how the waiting feels.

SIT WITH THIS

What would you thank God for today if you believed the answer was already on its way?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Make up a silly song thanking God for three things. Sing it loud!

DID YOU KNOW?

Mary's song is called the Magnificat, from its first word in Latin, "magnifies."

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Sing one carol all the way through, out loud.

MARGIN NOTES

Sing it before you see it.

PRAY *My soul glorifies You, Lord. Thank You for noticing me. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

God noticed a girl from a no-name town. He notices you too.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

12 DEC Joseph's *Quiet Yes*

WHOLE STORY: MATTHEW 1:18-25 · 5 MINUTES



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> *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*
>
> MATTHEW 1:24 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Joseph had a plan, and it was a kind one: end the engagement quietly so Mary wouldn't be shamed. Then God interrupted his sleep with a better plan.

Here's what Joseph did next. He woke up and did it. Joseph never says a single word in the whole Bible. Everything we know about him is what he did. Some of the most faithful people you know are like that. They show up, fix the sink, drive the carpool, and stay. Quiet obedience still counts, and heaven notices every bit.

SIT WITH THIS

What's one quiet, faithful thing you can do today that no one will clap for?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Do a secret helper job today, like making a bed or picking up toys. Don't tell anyone!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible records zero words spoken by Joseph.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Do one quiet chore for someone and don't mention it.

MARGIN NOTES

He woke up and did it.

PRAY *Lord, give me Joseph's quiet courage to do the next right thing. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Quiet obedience still counts. Heaven notices.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

13 DEC No Room, and God *Came Anyway*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:1-7 · 5 MINUTES

> *and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*
>
> LUKE 2:7 · NIV



SOUL SNACK

The Son of God arrived and there was no guest room. Picture it: a long walk, a packed town, a baby on the way, and nowhere to lay Him but a feeding trough.

If your Christmas feels messy and second-rate this year, you're in good company. God didn't wait for a tidy house or a perfect plan. He came right into the crowded, the inconvenient, the barn. He still does. Your mess doesn't scare Him off. He came for exactly this. Make a little room today, even if it's five minutes in a parked car.

SIT WITH THIS

Where is your life too crowded for Jesus right now? What's one way to make a little room?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Make a cozy bed for baby Jesus with a shoebox and a dish towel.

DID YOU KNOW?

Luke's word for "guest room" is the same word he uses for the upper room of the Last Supper. Mary and Joseph were likely staying with relatives whose spare room was full.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Clear one chair or counter and leave it open all week.

MARGIN NOTES

Make a little room.

PRAY *Jesus, come into my mess. I'm making a little room for You. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

God didn't wait for a tidy house.
come as you are.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

14 DEC

I Will See the *Goodness*

5 MINUTES



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> *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*
>
> PSALM 27:13-14 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Two weeks of waiting with Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph. Every one had a long wait, and every one met a God who showed up.

David wrote this psalm with trouble all around him, and he still says: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. The land of the living means here. This life. This December. Then he coaches himself: wait, be strong, take heart, wait. He says "wait" twice because waiting takes practice. Look back over this week and write down where you saw God's goodness. That list is fuel for the next wait.

SIT WITH THIS

Where did you see God's goodness this week? List three things.

FOR LITTLE ONES

Draw something good God gave your family this week.

DID YOU KNOW?

Psalm 27 is labeled "Of David," the shepherd boy from Bethlehem who became king.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Write down three good things from this week.

MARGIN NOTES

Here. This life. This December.

PRAY *Lord, help me notice Your goodness here, this year. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

I will see the goodness of the Lord. Here. This year.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

WEEK THREE · WEEKEND GATHERING

Light the *Joy* Candle



Relight Hope and Peace, then light the pink candle. Set out the Night Shift Star Cookies and one extra chair.

SAY IT TOGETHER

ONE We light this candle for joy.

ALL *Good news for everyone, even us.*

ONE For shepherds, strangers, and the ones left out.

ALL *Come, Lord Jesus. We're ready.*

MEMORY VERSE

> *"So you are no longer a slave, but God's child."*
>
> GALATIANS 4:7 · NIV

TINY PRACTICE · PULL UP A CHAIR

Invite someone unexpected to your table this week: a neighbor, a single coworker, a widow from church, the new family down the street. Cookies and a candle are plenty. Nobody needs a clean house to be welcome.

FOR LITTLE ONES

Make a place card with your guest's name and a star on it.

THE TREAT PATH

No candle? Pass the cookie plate. First bite is your lighting.

MAKE IT MERRY

Flour on your nose, sprinkles everywhere, carols turned up. Joy is allowed to be messy.

AROUND OUR TABLE THIS WEEK

WEEK THREE · GATHERING TREAT



Night Shift *Star Cookies*

Buttery, melt-in-your-mouth, and very forgiving.

MAKES ABOUT 24 · FOUR INGREDIENTS, NO CHILLING

YOU'LL NEED

- 1 cup (2 sticks) salted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- Coarse sugar or sprinkles

LITTLE HANDS

Kids cut the stars and go wild with sprinkles.

MAKE IT

1. Heat the oven to 325°F and line a pan with parchment.
2. Beat the butter and powdered sugar until fluffy, then mix in the vanilla.
3. Stir in the flour until the dough comes together.
4. Roll to 1/4 inch thick, cut out stars, and sprinkle with sugar.
5. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, until the edges barely turn golden. Cool 5 minutes on the pan.

MAKE IT FANCY

Too tired to roll? Press the dough into an 8-inch pan, bake 25 to 30 minutes, and cut into squares.

KITCHEN NOTES · WHO HELPED, WHAT WE'D CHANGE, WHO WE SHARED WITH

15 DEC

Shepherds on the *Night Shift*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:8-14 · 5 MINUTES



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This week's Gathering: light the pink Joy candle and bake Night Shift Star Cookies.

> *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*
>
> LUKE 2:8-9 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

God sent the first birth announcement to the night shift. Shepherds worked outside in the cold, smelled like sheep, and were nobody's first pick for a party. Then the sky exploded with glory, and they were terrified, which is a very reasonable response.

If you've ever felt overlooked, notice who heard first. God loves to start with the tired people on the hillside. The mom on her lunch break. The caregiver awake at 3 a.m. The guy working Christmas Eve. Heaven knows exactly where you are.

SIT WITH THIS

When have you felt overlooked? What changes when you know God sent the news to the night shift first?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Lie on the floor and look up like a shepherd. Imagine the whole sky full of angels!

DID YOU KNOW?

King David was a shepherd from these same Bethlehem hills (1 Samuel 16).

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Step outside tonight and look up for 10 seconds.

MARGIN NOTES

Heaven knows your shift.

PRAY *God, thank You for finding me on my night shift. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

God sent the first Christmas announcement to the night shift.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

16 DEC They *Hurried*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:15-18 · 5 MINUTES



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> *So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.*
>
> LUKE 2:16-17 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

The shepherds heard the news and ran. Luke says "they hurried." They left the sheep, which for a shepherd is a very big deal, and went looking.

And once they found Jesus, they couldn't keep quiet. They spread the word. Shepherds with no title, no platform and no polish became the first people to tell others about Him. You can share good news with zero stage. You only need to have seen something. What has God done for you this year? Tell one person today.

SIT WITH THIS

What's one thing God did for you this year that someone else needs to hear?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Skip around the house like an excited shepherd and tell someone, "Jesus is here!"

DID YOU KNOW?

The shepherds were the first people in the Bible to tell others about baby Jesus.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Tell one person one thing God did for you this year.

MARGIN NOTES

Hurry toward Him.

PRAY *Jesus, make me hurry toward You, and give me the nerve to tell someone. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

No title, no platform. The shepherds just told what they saw.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

17 DEC

Outsiders Who Followed *a Star*

WHOLE STORY: MATTHEW 2:1-12 · 5 MINUTES



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> *When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*
>
> MATTHEW 2:10-11 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

The Magi were foreigners from the East who studied the night sky. They were outsiders by every measure. And God reached them in the language they knew best: a star.

When they finally saw it settle over the house, Matthew says they were overjoyed. Long trip, long wait, then joy. God meets people where they are. Your neighbor who calls herself "not a church person." Your coworker with all the questions. You, on the days faith feels foreign. He's still hanging stars for people to follow.

SIT WITH THIS

Who in your life feels like an outsider to faith? How might God be speaking their language?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Cut out a paper star and tape it to a window to remember the wise men.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible never says there were three wise men. The number comes from the three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Tape a paper star in your window.

MARGIN NOTES

He hangs stars for outsiders.

PRAY *Lord, hang a star for the people I love who feel far from You. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

God speaks every language. Even yours.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

18 DEC

Anna Never Stopped *Showing Up*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:36-38 · 5 MINUTES



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> *She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.*
>
> LUKE 2:37-38 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Meet Anna. Married seven years, then a widow for decades. She could have faded into the background. Instead she showed up at the temple day after day, year after year, praying.

Then one ordinary morning, a young couple walks in with a baby, and Anna knows. At 84, she becomes one of the very first people to recognize Jesus and tell everyone about Him. If you're single, widowed, divorced, or the only one at the table without a plus-one, hear this: Anna had a front-row seat. Your story is happening right now, and God has you right where He wants you.

SIT WITH THIS

Where have you felt sidelined? What would it look like to keep showing up like Anna?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Anna was 84! Call or draw a picture for an older person you love.

DID YOU KNOW?

Anna's name means "grace," and Luke calls her a prophet.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Call an older friend or relative just to say hi.

MARGIN NOTES

Keep showing up.

PRAY *God, help me keep showing up, like Anna, right where You've put me. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Widowed, 84, and one of the first to spread the news. Anna had a front-row seat.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

19 DEC

Simeon's Long-Awaited *Moment*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:25-35 · 5 MINUTES



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> *Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation."*
>
> LUKE 2:28-30 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

God promised Simeon he would see the Messiah before he died. Picture him, year after year, watching every family that walked into the temple. Is it this one? Maybe this one?

Then a young couple from Nazareth walks in, and Simeon knows. He takes Jesus in his arms, and his long wait ends in peace. Some promises take a lifetime. God keeps every one. Whatever you're holding out for, God hasn't lost track of it.

SIT WITH THIS

What promise from God are you still waiting to see? What helps you keep watching?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Hold a doll or stuffed animal gently, like Simeon held Jesus, and say thank you to God.

DID YOU KNOW?

Simeon's prayer is called the Nunc Dimittis, Latin for "now you dismiss." Many churches still pray it at evening services.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Hold something warm in both hands and say thank you.

MARGIN NOTES

My eyes have seen.

PRAY *Lord, You keep every promise. Help me keep watching. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Some promises take a lifetime. God keeps every one.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

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Sent So You Could Call Him *Abba*

WHOLE STORY: GALATIANS 4:4-7 · 5 MINUTES



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> *Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*
>
> GALATIANS 4:6-7 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Here's why Christmas happened, in two verses. God sent His Son so you could quit earning your keep and start calling Him Dad.

Abba is what a little kid calls her father. It's close, warm, and a little bit messy, like a toddler running full speed into open arms. Nobody auditions for that kind of love. You're already in the family, with your name written on the inheritance.

SIT WITH THIS

What would change this week if you really believed you're already God's child?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Run into a grown-up's arms for a big hug. That's what "Abba" feels like!

DID YOU KNOW?

Abba is the everyday Aramaic word for father, and Jesus used it when He prayed (Mark 14:36).

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Pray the word "Abba" three times, slowly.

MARGIN NOTES

Already in the family.

PRAY *Abba, Father. Thank You that I'm already Your child. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Nobody auditions for this love. You're already in the family.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

21 DEC God Moved into the *Neighborhood*

5 MINUTES



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> *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*
>
> JOHN 1:14 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

At Christmas, God came in person. He moved in. He became a baby who needed diapers and naps, and grew up in a real town with real neighbors.

God chose to live close enough to touch, close enough to share dinner, close enough to cry at a friend's funeral. That's still where He is: your kitchen, your commute, your hard conversation. Full of grace, full of truth, and right next door. Three weeks down. Look who showed up.

SIT WITH THIS

Where do you most need to know God is close this week?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Wave to a neighbor today, or bring them a treat. Jesus came to be our neighbor!

DID YOU KNOW?

"Made his dwelling" literally means "pitched his tent" in Greek. God camped out with us.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Wave at a neighbor or leave a treat on a porch.

MARGIN NOTES

Right next door.

PRAY *Jesus, thank You for moving into my neighborhood. Be close today. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

God pitched His tent in our neighborhood. He's closer than you think.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

WEEK FOUR · WEEKEND GATHERING

Light the *Love* Candle



Relight Hope, Peace and Joy, then light the last purple candle. Bake the Christmas Eve Crinkles together. Any night works; Christmas Eve is perfect.

SAY IT TOGETHER

ONE We light this candle for love.

ALL *Because God so loved the world.*

ONE The darkness has not overcome it.

ALL *Come, Lord Jesus. We're ready.*

MEMORY VERSE

> *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*
>
> JOHN 1:5 · NIV

TINY PRACTICE · LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

On Christmas Eve, leave a porch light or a window candle on all night as a welcome sign. Text three people, "You're welcome at our table anytime." Then invite one person who'd otherwise be alone on Christmas.

FOR LITTLE ONES

Draw a big star and tape it to a window, facing out.

THE TREAT PATH

No candle? Flip on the porch light together. That's your lighting.

MAKE IT MERRY

Leave a plate of crinkles out, read Luke 2 by the tree, and go to bed giddy.

AROUND OUR TABLE THIS WEEK

WEEK FOUR · GATHERING TREAT



Christmas Eve *Crinkles*

Fudgy chocolate inside, a snowy crackle outside.

MAKES ABOUT 24 · CHILL 1 HOUR

YOU'LL NEED

- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder and 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, for rolling

LITTLE HANDS

Kids roll the balls in the "snow." Expect a little blizzard.

MAKE IT

1. Whisk the cocoa, sugar and oil. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then the vanilla.
2. Stir in the flour, baking powder and salt. Cover and chill 1 hour (or overnight).
3. Heat the oven to 350°F and line a pan with parchment.
4. Roll dough into 1-inch balls, then roll each one heavily in powdered sugar.
5. Bake 10 to 12 minutes, until puffed and crackled. Cool on the pan 5 minutes.

MAKE IT FANCY

Leave a plate out on Christmas Eve with a glass of milk and a note for whoever is up first.

KITCHEN NOTES · WHO HELPED, WHAT WE'D CHANGE, WHO WE SHARED WITH

22 DEC The Darkness Has Not *Overcome It*

WHOLE STORY: JOHN 1:1-5 · 5 MINUTES



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This week's Gathering: light the Love candle and bake Christmas Eve Crinkles.

> *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*
>
> JOHN 1:4-5 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

We're in the shortest days of the year. The winter solstice lands around December 21, the darkest stretch on the calendar. And here's John: the light shines in the darkness.

John is honest. The darkness is real. It has also never won, and it never will. Every candle you've lit this month is a tiny sermon: the light keeps shining. Whatever dark thing you're carrying into Christmas, it doesn't get the last word. Jesus does.

SIT WITH THIS

What darkness are you carrying into Christmas? Picture Jesus' light shining right into it.

FOR LITTLE ONES

With a grown-up, light a candle in a dark room. Can the dark make the light go away? Nope!

DID YOU KNOW?

John opens with "In the beginning," the same first words as Genesis.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Light a candle in the darkest room of your house.

MARGIN NOTES

Still shining.

PRAY *Light of the world, shine into the dark thing I'm carrying. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

The darkness is real. It still hasn't won.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

23 DEC Arise, *Shine*

5 MINUTES



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> *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.*
>
> ISAIAH 60:1 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Two days to Christmas, and God has a wake-up call: Arise, shine. Get up off the couch of discouragement. Your light has come.

Notice the order again. The light comes first, then you shine. You reflect it, the way the moon reflects the sun, which is great news for the tired. Somebody near you is sitting in the dark this week. Your small light, a text, a plate of cookies, a seat at your table, might be the brightest thing in their December.

SIT WITH THIS

Who could use some of your reflected light before Christmas?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Shine a flashlight at a mirror and watch the light bounce. That's how we shine God's light!

DID YOU KNOW?

Isaiah 60:6 pictures nations bringing gold and incense to the light, centuries before the wise men did.

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Send one text that might be the brightest thing in someone's day.

MARGIN NOTES

Reflect it.

PRAY *Lord, Your light has come. Help me reflect it to someone today. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Your light has come. Arise, shine.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

24 DEC Good News of *Great Joy*

5 MINUTES



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> *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*
>
> LUKE 2:10-11 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Christmas Eve. The angel's first words: Do not be afraid. Then: good news, great joy, for all the people. That includes the tired people, the grieving people, and the people who burned the rolls and forgot the batteries.

"A Savior has been born to you." To you, personally. Whatever your table looks like tonight, full or quiet or complicated, the news is the same. Breathe it in. Light the candles. Eat the crinkles. You made it to Christmas Eve.

SIT WITH THIS

Which part of the angel's message do you most need to hear tonight?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Practice the angel's words in your biggest voice: "Do not be afraid! I bring you good news!"

DID YOU KNOW?

"Christ" is the Greek word for Messiah, a Hebrew word that means "anointed one."

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Leave your porch light on all night as a welcome sign.

MARGIN NOTES

Born to you.

PRAY *Thank You, Jesus, for being born to me. I'm not afraid. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

Good news of great joy for all the people. Even the tired ones.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

25 DEC Christmas: *Come as You Are*

WHOLE STORY: LUKE 2:1-20, OUT LOUD · 5 MINUTES



color me when you're done

> *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*
>
> LUKE 2:19-20 · NIV

SOUL SNACK

Merry Christmas, friend. You came tired, and He came anyway. Hope, peace, joy, love, and now the candle in the middle, because Jesus was the point all along.

Two kinds of people end the story. Mary treasures it quietly. The shepherds go home loud, praising God. Both are right. However today goes, peaceful, chaotic, or both by noon, you can treasure it and you can praise. Everything happened just as God said it would. It still does.

SIT WITH THIS

What's one moment from this Advent you want to treasure?

FOR LITTLE ONES

Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before you open presents!

DID YOU KNOW?

"Christmas" comes from the Old English Cristes Maesse, "Christ's Mass."

TODAY'S TINY STEP

Light the Christ candle and read Luke 2 out loud before presents.

MARGIN NOTES

Treasure it.

PRAY *Jesus, You came for me. Thank You. Merry Christmas. Amen.*

PASS IT ON #OCOMEALLYETIRED

You came tired. He came anyway.
Merry christmas.

Text it to one tired friend: _____

DECEMBER 25 · LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

Merry *Christmas!*



Merry Christmas, friend. You did it.

You came tired. You kept showing up, some days on time and some days three at once on the couch. All of it counts. And He came anyway, right on time, for the tired, the waiting, and the left out.

So today, celebrate like you mean it. Open the presents. Eat the cookies for breakfast. Sing too loud. Hug long. Christmas is a birthday party, and you're on the guest list.

SAY IT TOGETHER

ONE We light this candle for Jesus.

ALL *He came!*

ONE For the tired, the waiting, and the left out.

ALL *Merry Christmas. Come as you are.*

YOUR CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY LIST

- Light all five candles and read Luke 2:1-20 out loud, kids included.
- Sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before the first present.
- Make one more pot of Hope Cider or Fancy Hot Chocolate.
- Text one friend: You came tired. He came anyway. Merry Christmas.

THREE MOMENTS I WANT TO TREASURE FROM THIS ADVENT

1.

2.

3.

FOR YOUR CHURCH, SMALL GROUP, OR KITCHEN TABLE

Gather *your people*

You don't need to be a Bible teacher. You need a candle, a snack, and 45 minutes. Meet once a week, in person or on video.

LIGHT IT · 5 MIN	Light this week's candle and read the Gathering call-and-response.
SAY IT · 5 MIN	Read the memory verse out loud twice.
SHARE IT · 15 MIN	Which day hit you hardest this week, and why?
TALK IT · 15 MIN	Pick two Sit With This questions and go around the circle.
DO IT · 5 MIN	Plan the tiny practice. Who are you writing, calling, or inviting?
PRAY IT	One person prays, or everyone prays one sentence.

BRING THIS

Week 1	Hope	Hope Cider and note cards
Week 2	Peace	Fancy Hot Chocolate and toppings
Week 3	Joy	Star cookies and an extra chair
Week 4	Love	Christmas Eve Crinkles

LEADER TIP

Start on time, end on time, and let the cookies do the heavy lifting. If only two people come, that's a group.

CUT OUT AND SHARE

Invite cards *and Hope Notes*

INVITE CARD

I'm doing Advent for tired people this year. Five minutes a day, it's free, and there are cookies. Want to do it with me?

FREE GUIDE · CHAOTICSUNSHINE.COM/ADVENT

INVITE CARD

Our group is reading O come, All Ye Tired this December. Pull up a chair.

Day _____ Time _____ Place _____

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HOPE NOTE ✦

I see you. I admire how you _____. Hope is coming. Merry Christmas.

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AFTER CHRISTMAS

Keep the *light on*

Christmas lasts 12 days, from December 25 to January 5. Leave the lights up. Make one more batch of cocoa. Keep texting your friend.

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