



## Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Early Childhood Digital Activity Kit for Advent and Christmas! This kit includes activities for children to do with their families to anticipate and celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus.

### What's Included

- Frolic Coloring Pages
- Three Activity Placemats for kids to explore the seasons of Advent and Christmas
- Frolic Story Puppets to help families retell the story of Jesus' birth
- A Mini Lesson for the book *Little Mole's Christmas Gift* that engages children in the story
- Directions for creating a Felt Advent Wreath
- An Advent Service Calendar to help families be generous throughout the season
- Reproducible Animal Ears so everyone can dress up as the animals from the Christmas story
- A Christmas Ornament Art Project
- A recipe for Peppermint Hot Cocoa

### Kit Preparation Supplies

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family

- Color printer or copier
- White paper (8.5 x 11 and 11 x 17)
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Tape
- Craft sticks
- Laminator or clear self-adhesive paper
- Felt (dark blue or black, green, blue, yellow)
- Foam-backed poster board
- Glue

## Kit Activity Supplies

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage families to acquire on their own.

- Crayons or markers
- Frolic First Bible, Frolic Preschool Bible, or other Bible
- *Little Mole's Christmas Gift* book
- Poster board with foam backing
- Snack-size or sandwich-size plastic zipper bags
- Self-adhesive labels
- Permanent markers
- Rulers or yardsticks
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colorful construction paper
- Stapler
- Tape
- Plastic headbands
- Elastic cord
- Single-hole punch
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (yellow)
- Glitter, sequins, or craft jewels (optional)
- Glue sticks
- Pencils
- String, yarn, or cord
- White sugar
- Unsweetened cocoa powder
- Powdered milk
- Salt
- Candy canes

## Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together in a kit for each family in your church with children ages 1–5 years old.

### Coloring Pages

1. On 8.5 x 11-inch paper, print one set of coloring pages for each child.
2. If desired, include washable markers or crayons for kids to use.

### Activity Placemats

1. On 11 x 17-inch paper, print one set of Activity Placemats for each family.
2. Laminate each placemat using clear self-adhesive paper or a laminator.
3. If desired, include dry-erase markers for kids to use.

### **Frolic Story Puppets**

1. On cardstock, print a set of puppets for each family, along with the list of stories.
2. If desired, cut out the puppets and tape them to craft sticks or include tape and craft sticks so families can cut out and assemble the puppets at home.
3. Provide a Frolic First Bible or Frolic Preschool Bible for each family, depending on the age of their kids.

### **Little Mole's Christmas Gift Mini Lesson**

1. Print a copy of the Mini Lesson for each family.
2. Provide each family with a copy of *Little Mole's Christmas Gift* (Beaming Books, 2020).

### **Felt Advent Wreath**

1. Collect enough supplies to make a felt-board Advent wreath for each family with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
2. Glue the dark backing to the foam board, and cut out one set of felt shapes per family.
3. Provide the set for the family to assemble and interact with at home.

### **Advent Service Calendar**

1. Print out a set of instructions for each family.
2. Provide supplies for families to create a calendar of their own at home.

### **Animal Ears and Noses**

1. On cardstock, print out a set of animal ears for each family.
2. Provide scissors, tape, and dollar-store headbands for them to cut out and assemble the ears to wear, and add a single-hole punch and stretchy cord to make the noses wearable.

### **Jesus Shines in Our Hearts Ornament**

1. Print out a copy of the ornament instructions for each family.
2. Provide supplies to make the ornaments.

### **Peppermint Hot Cocoa Recipe**

1. Print out a copy of the recipe for each family.
2. Provide ingredients to make the cocoa.

## **Delivering and Using the Kits**

Decide on a safe, socially distanced way of delivering the kits to families, and encourage them to share pictures of their projects and updates with you!



## Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Children's Digital Activity Kit for Advent and Christmas! This kit includes activities for kids to do with their families to explore the seasons of waiting and celebration around Jesus' birth.

### What's Included

- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl **Coloring Pages**
- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl **Bible Reading Guides** to read stories of Advent and Christmas
- An **Advent Service Calendar** to encourage generosity throughout Advent
- A homemade **Advent Wreath** project
- A recipe for **Arroz Doce**, a holiday recipe popular in Portugal
- A Christmas **Ornament** art project
- Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl **Christmas Worship Invitations**
- A **Fact-Finding Challenge** to help kids engage with *The World of the First Christians: A Curious Kid's Guide to the Early Church*
- A **Green Christmas Guide** to encourage reducing waste this Christmas
- A set of **Prayers** for families to say together around the Advent wreath
- A set of **Trivia Cards** focused on Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

## Kit Preparation Supplies

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family.

- Color printer or copier
- Scissors
- Avery pre-perforated business cards
- Envelopes or rubber bands
- Avery postcard template or cardstock

## Kit Activity Supplies

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage families to acquire on their own.

- Washable markers or crayons
- Holy Moly Bible Storybook (Years 1 & 2 Unit 2), Whirl Kids Story Bible, Whirl Lectionary Story Bible, or Spark Story Bible
- Whirl Kids Study Bible, Whirl Lectionary NRSV Bible, Connect Bible, or Spark NRSV Bible
- Poster board with foam backing
- Snack-size or sandwich-size plastic zipper bags
- Self-adhesive labels
- Permanent markers
- Rulers or yardsticks
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colorful construction paper
- Stapler
- Clear glass votive holders
- Craft sand (blue)
- Tea light candles (regular or battery-operated)
- Green fabric, plastic greenery, or leftover Christmas tree cuttings
- Arborio rice
- White sugar
- Milk
- Salt
- Vanilla
- Lemon
- Eggs
- Cinnamon
- Tissue paper
- Aluminum foil (heavy-duty)
- Glitter, sequins, or craft jewels
- Clear tape
- Sticky notes, index cards, or scrap paper
- String, yarn, or cord
- *The World of the First Christians: A Curious Kid's Guide to the Early Church* book

## Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together into a kit for each family in your church with kids ages 5–12 years old.

### Coloring Pages

1. Choose the coloring pages that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
2. On 8.5 x 11-inch paper, print one set of coloring pages for each kid.
3. If desired, include washable markers or crayons for kids to use.

### Advent and Christmas Family Trivia Cards

1. On a perforated business card template, print one set of Trivia Cards for each family.
2. Tear the cards apart and put each stack into an envelope or wrap a rubber band around them.

### Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Bible Reading Guides

1. Choose the Reading Guides that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
2. Print a copy of the Reading Guide for each family.
3. If desired, provide Spark, Whirl, Holy Moly, or Connect Bibles for families to use at home, if they don't already have one.

### The World of the First Christians Fact-Finding Challenge

1. Print a copy of the activity for each child in each family.
2. Provide a copy of *The World of the First Christians: A Curious Kid's Guide to the Early Church* (Beaming Books, 2020) for each family.
3. If desired, provide writing utensils.

### Spark, Holy Moly, and Whirl Christmas Worship Invitations

1. Choose the Christmas Worship Invitations that fit the curriculum brand(s) you use.
2. Print the invitations on an Avery postcard template or on cardstock.
3. Fill in the appropriate information on the invitations.
4. Cut or separate the invitations and give to families to invite someone new to church.

### Advent Service Calendar

1. Print out a set of instructions for each family.
2. Provide supplies for families to create a calendar of their own at home.

### Advent Wreath

1. Print the activity instructions for each family.
2. Provide supplies for families to make their own Advent wreath at home.

### **Arroz Doce Recipe**

1. Print the recipe for each family.
2. Provide the ingredients and supplies for families to make the recipe at home.

### **The Gift of Jesus Ornament**

1. Print the activity instructions for each family.
2. Provide the supplies for families to make the ornament at home.

### **Green Christmas Guide**

1. Print a copy of the Green Christmas Guide for each family.

### **Advent and Christmas Prayers for Families**

1. Print a copy of the prayers for families to use at home.

## **Delivering and Using the Kits**

Decide on a safe, socially distanced way of delivering the kits to families, and encourage them to share pictures of their projects and updates with you!



## Get Started Guide

Welcome to the Youth Digital Activity Kit for Advent and Christmas! This kit includes activities for youth to do alone or with their families to explore the seasons of waiting and celebration around Jesus' birth.

### What's Included

- A **Bible Reading Plan** that takes students through the stories of the annunciation and Jesus' birth in the Bible
- An **Advent Care Calendar** project to help students engage with another family
- A homemade **Advent Wreath** project
- A **Christmas Ornament** project
- **Blue Christmas Cards** for students to share with those who might be struggling during the holidays
- Twelve sets of **Journal Pages** to get students thinking about waiting and celebrating Jesus' birth
- A recipe for **Three Kings Cake**
- A set of **Trivia Cards** focused on world Christmas traditions
- Two sets of **Worship Notes** pages—one for Advent and one for Christmas

### Kit Preparation Supplies

You'll need these basic supplies to print and prepare the activities for a kit for each family.

- Color printer or copier
- Glue
- Composition notebooks
- Scissors
- Avery notecard template or cardstock
- Avery business card template sheets



## Kit Activity Supplies

Some of the activities require basic supplies that you can include in the kit or encourage youth to acquire on their own.

- Colaborate Student Bible, Connect Bible, or other Bible
- Writing utensils
- Poster board with foam backing
- Snack-size or sandwich-size plastic zipper bags
- Little gifts for babies, toddlers, kids, or youth
- Markers, colored pencils, and crayons
- Permanent markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colorful construction paper
- Stapler
- Fire-safe plate (round, metal or glass)
- Evergreen branches (real or store-bought)
- Pillar candles (four, blue)
- Lighter
- White paper
- White cardstock
- Tissue paper
- Patterned scrapbooking and textured papers
- Glue or glue stick
- Blue markers, watercolor paints, or colored pencils
- All-purpose flour
- Instant yeast packets
- Milk
- White sugar
- Salt
- Eggs
- Unsalted butter
- Light brown sugar
- Cinnamon
- Powdered sugar
- Vanilla
- Dark green, purple, and yellow or gold sugars (optional)

## Assembling the Kits

Follow the steps below to prep each activity included in the Digital Activity Kit. Then put it all together in a kit for each family in your church with youth in grades 6–12.

### Bible Reading Guide

1. Print a copy of the Reading Guide for each student.
2. Make sure each student has a Colaborate Student Bible, Connect Bible, or other Bible.

### Advent Care Calendar

1. Print out a set of instructions for each student.
2. Provide supplies for families to create a calendar to give away to another family.

### **Trivia Cards**

1. On a perforated business card template, print one set of Trivia Cards for each student.
2. Tear the cards apart and put each stack into an envelope or wrap a rubber band around them.

### **Journal Pages**

1. Print one set of the Journal Pages for each student.
2. Cut out each page and glue them in order into a composition notebook. Make one notebook for each student.
3. If desired, include writing utensils for each student.

### **Advent Wreath**

1. Print out the activity instructions for each student.
2. Provide the supplies to make the wreath at home.

### **Three Kings Cake Recipe**

1. Print the instructions for each family.
2. Provide the ingredients to make the cake at home. Make sure students know what additional equipment they'll need.

### **Worship Notes**

1. Print a copy of the Advent and Christmas Worship Notes pages for each student.
2. Set up a time for students to discuss their completed Worship Notes with you and/or their youth group.

## **Delivering and Using the Kits**

Decide on a safe, socially distanced way of delivering the kits to students, and encourage them to share pictures of their projects and updates with you!