

Instant Advent

A Cartoon Christmas Countdown

Sunday, December 25, 2022



The Most Wonderful Time

Christmas Greetings!

Instant Advent: A Cartoon Christmas Countdown all leads up to this day. It's Christmas, the day of Jesus' birth! When Jesus was born, the entire world transformed. God had come near! And all because of this tiny, probably adorable, baby Jesus. How amazing is that?

Today's Instant Advent activity isn't like any of the others. Instead, we want to encourage you to spend your day laughing, playing, eating good food, and reminding one another of the peace God gives us. No matter what's happening in our lives, God's hope and joy operates beyond circumstances. Even—no, especially—when we can't see it for ourselves. That's the definition of good news!

So today – maybe at dinner or just gathered in front of a toasty fire – spend a few minutes talking with your family about the meaning of Christmas and why we've spent the last four weeks preparing for this one day. We've included a few conversation starters and a quick prayer below. We hope they bring joy to you and your family. Above all, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with blessings and wonder.

Merry Christmas!

The Sparkhouse Family

Shawn
Alisa
Clay
Hope
Eileen
Kirsti
Carlyn
Mike
Rachel
Eric
Amelia
Jordan
Alex
Kelly
Bryan
Dawn
Win
Shelby

For Your Family

Go from person to person telling a story about the favorite gift you've ever received. It can be Christmas, birthday—or just a surprise!



When everybody has had a chance to respond, go around once more and say a wish they had for the world. More kindness? The end of hunger? What would you change about the world?

Finally, have each person share one small thing they can do in the world right now. It might be as simple as smiling more, or writing an encouraging note to a friend or family member.



Pray together: Dear God, thank you for the gift of the Advent and Christmas seasons, for teaching us about slowing down. Help us to be a light in the darkness and a loud voice of justice. With your love, we can continue transforming the world. Amen.

