



Advent Resources

Community Presbyterian Church

Advent is a season of hope, expectation, and longing as we celebrate the Son of God coming to earth, fully God and fully man, and anticipate His triumphant return!

In the following pages, you'll find a variety of Advent resources to consider for your family this season. They are resources that the staff of Community Presbyterian Church, The Play School, and Crossroads Christian School have personally used and enjoyed with their families. We offer them with the hope that they will encourage you as well as bring your family together as you focus on Christ this Advent season.

Find these resources to purchase on Amazon, Christianbook.com, and the PCA Bookstore site (pcabookstore.com).

Family Advent Devotionals



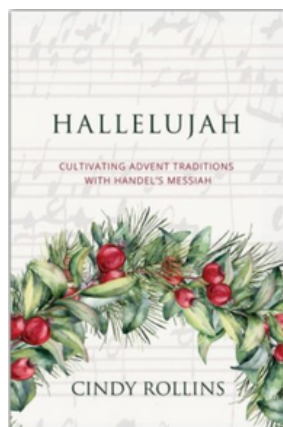
Arnold Ytreeide's Advent Devotionals. In this widely popular, exciting set of stories for the advent season, listeners follow Jotham, Bartholomew, Tabitha, and Ishtar in separate journeys across Israel as they search for something particular to their story. Each end up finding their way to the Savior born in Bethlehem.



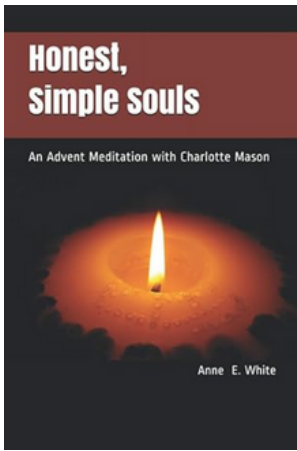
Come Let Us Adore Him by Paul David Tripp. This book of daily readings for the month of December by best-selling author Paul David Tripp will help you slow down, prepare your heart, and focus on what matters most: adoring our Savior, Jesus.



The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas by Ann Voskamp. Exploring the lineage of Jesus through the Advent tradition of the Jesse tree, Voskamp retraces the epic pageantry of mankind from Genesis to God's greatest gift—his Son. A timeless reminder of the true meaning of Christmas!

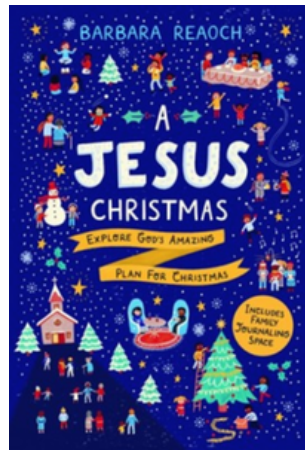


Hallelujah: Cultivating Advent Traditions with Handel's Messiah by Cindy Rollins. With *Hallelujah: Cultivating Advent Traditions With Handel's Messiah*, Cindy Rollins leads the way in building a rich Advent tradition for you and your family. Inside you will find: weekly Scripture passages, hymns, and poems; daily Messiah listening schedule with background information from Greg Wilbur; an overview of the church calendar by Thomas Banks; Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany recipes; and suggestions for celebrating the Advent feasts of St. Nicholas and St. Lucia.



Honest, Simple Souls: An Advent Meditation with Charlotte Mason by Anne E. White.

December is almost here, and Advent is about to begin. I invite you to observe the season through an Advent-themed study of Charlotte Mason's fourth volume, *Ourselves Book II*. There are also readings for the Twelve Days of Christmas, drawn from her essay "The Eternal Child."



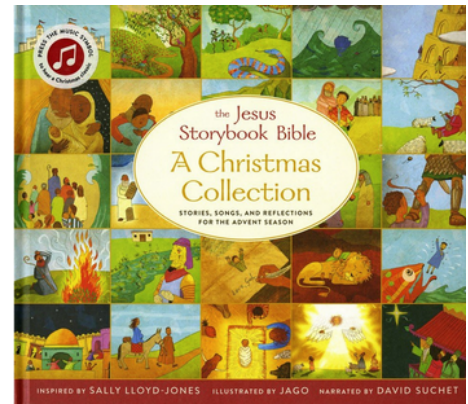
A Jesus Christmas: Explore God's Amazing Plan for Christmas by Barbara Reaoch.

Get your family excited with this Advent devotional offering a fresh way to prepare for Christmas.



Little Hearts Prepare Him Room by Holly Mackle.

This is a family Advent devotional designed to go deeper as children grow older.



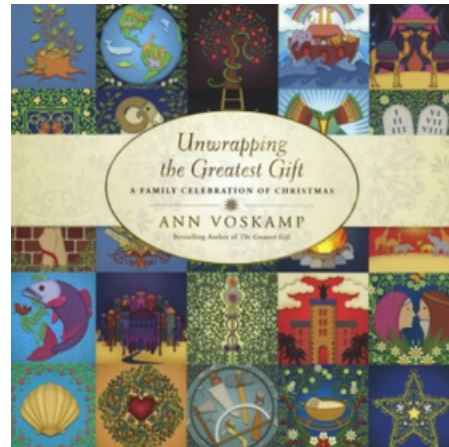
The Jesus Storybook Bible Christmas Collection by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This is an interactive story, sound, and song Advent experience for the whole family.



She Reads Truth Advent 2025 Study Book. The Advent 2025 collection is full of seasonal delights, holiday recipes, crafts, festive hymns, and more! But most importantly, this Advent season can be a special time to celebrate the truth that we only find in God's Word. Visit www.she-readstruth.com to purchase!



Repeat the Sounding Joy by Christopher Ash. In this Advent journey through Luke 1-2, Christopher Ash brings these familiar passages to life with fresh insight, color, and depth.



Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas by Ann Voskamp. Based on the overwhelming success of *The Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp has expanded her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree so families can celebrate together.

Online Resources

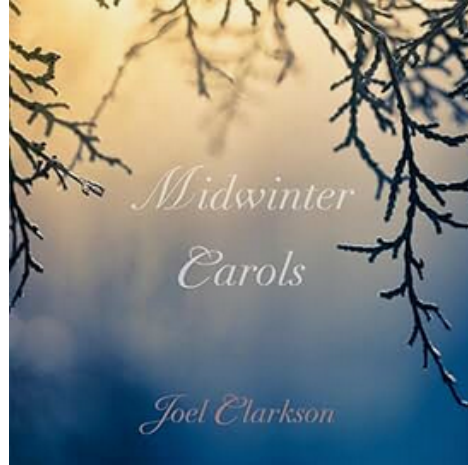
"Seven Reasons to Celebrate Advent" from Desiring God Ministries

The 2025 Advent Project from Biola University Center for Christianity Culture and the Arts

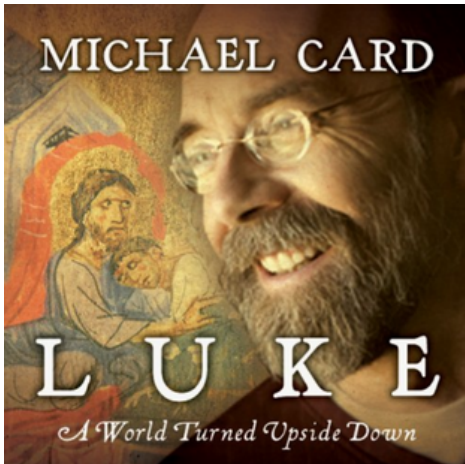
Music



Behold the Lamb of God
by Andrew Peterson



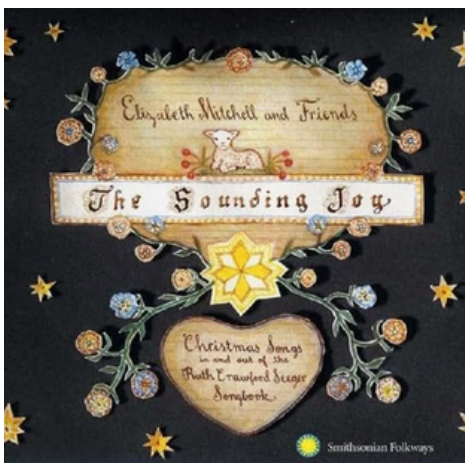
Midwinter Carols
by Joel Clarkson



Luke
by Michael Card



A Jolly Irish Christmas Volume II
by Rend Collective

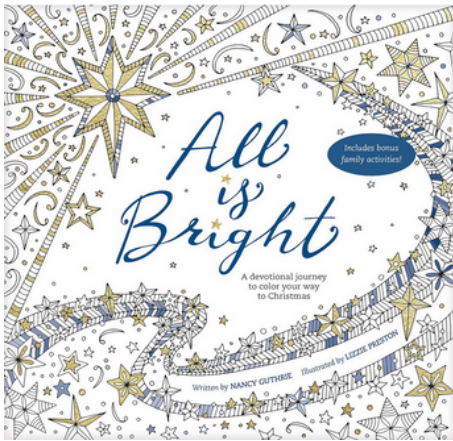


The Sounding of Joy
by Elizabeth Mitchell



Waiting Songs
by Rain for Roots

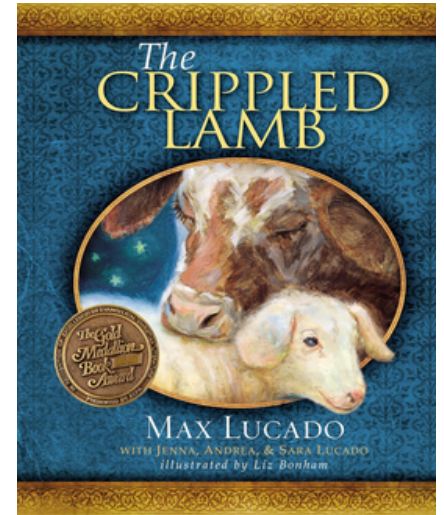
Books for Children



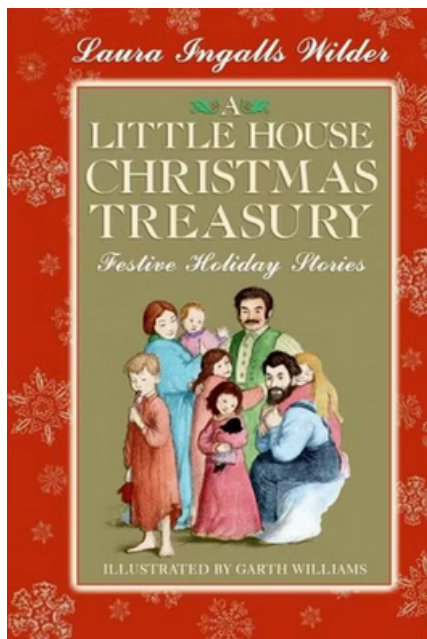
All is Bright: A Devotional Journey to Color Your Way to Christmas by Nancy Guthrie. The perfect gift for the creatives and coloring-book lovers in your life! Includes bonus activities and kid-friendly coloring pages for the whole family!



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. Barbara Robinson's popular and bestselling tale of the rowdy Herdmans has been beloved and celebrated since the book's original release in 1972.



The Crippled Lamb by Max Lucado. Introduce your little ones to this classic tale by Max Lucado and teach them that God has a plan for everyone.



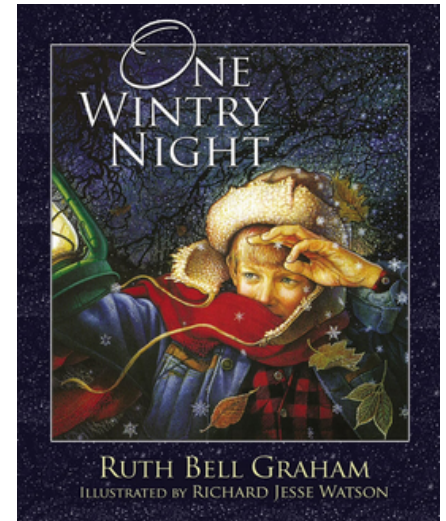
A Little House Christmas Treasury: Festive Holiday Stories: A Christmas Holiday Book for Kids by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Celebrate the season with holiday tales from the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the beloved Little House series. Featuring Garth Williams' classic artwork in vibrant full color.



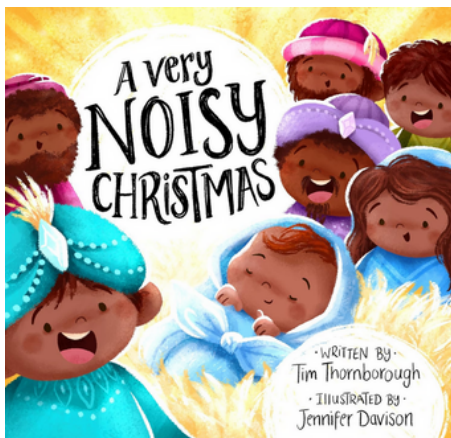
The Littlest Watchman:
Watching and Waiting for the Very First Christmas by Scott James. Benjamin is a Watchman. It's his job to watch for the sign that all God's promises are coming true.



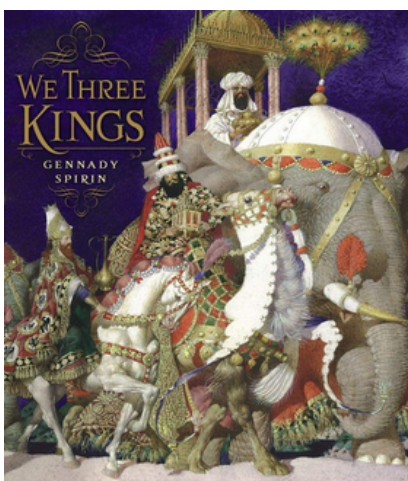
There's a Lion in My Nativity!
A Children's Christmas Picture Book by Lizzie Laferton. This rhyming book with warm, quirky illustrations makes a beautiful Christmas gift for children who are 4-7 years old.



One Wintry Night by Ruth Bell Graham. A wonderful and unique version of the Christmas story magnificently blending a contemporary setting with the history of God's redeeming love.



A Very Noisy Christmas by Tim Thornborough & Jennifer Davison. A fun re-telling of the Christmas story for young children, including regular invitations to make some noise!

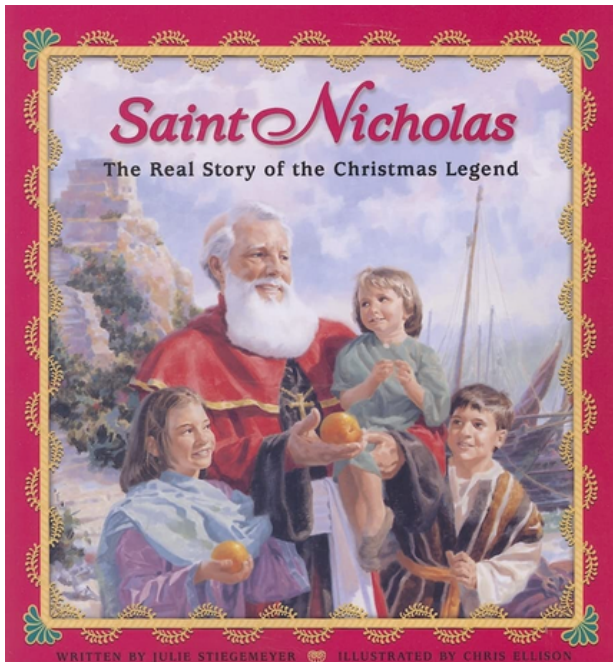


We Three Kings by Gennady Spirin. This is a beautifully illustrated book of the song.

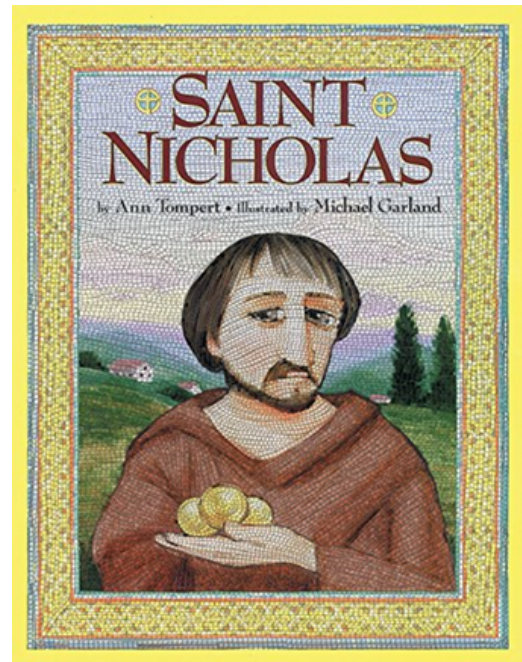
A Note from Laura...

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Have you been conflicted about whether or not to let your child “believe in Santa”? Some families love Santa and love participating in the imaginative play and wonder of this holiday character. Other families view Santa as a distraction from the real meaning of the season. I’d like to propose a middle ground and share where our family has landed. Saint Nicholas, who Santa is modeled after, was a real man who lived and served as a Bishop in the church. During Advent, Saint Nicholas Day falls on December 6th. On December 6th our family reads a couple of books about the real Saint Nicholas, eats pancakes for dinner and then takes a trip to Bass Pro to visit Santa. I also fill their stockings with candy canes, oranges & chocolate gold coins, plus fuzzy socks or chapsticks or whatever goody catches my eye at the Dollar Tree. Our children know that Santa does not bring their gifts, but they enjoy the visit and getting to pretend just the same, just as they would with Mickey Mouse if we were on a trip to Disney World. If you’re interested in reading more about Saint Nicholas with your family, here are two picture books that are a great place to start!



Saint Nicholas: The Real Story of the Christmas Legend by Julie Stiegemeyer



Saint Nicholas by Ann Tompert