

Holiday Idea Card

Advent

Homemade Wreath and Daily Readings

Best Use

Begin the season of Advent as a family by completing this daily activity together starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent

Goal

To celebrate and remember Advent in the home as we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus

Advance Preparation

Make sure you have the following on hand:

- Pine branches or holly (real or fake)
- 5 Candles
- Log cut in half
- Drill and drill bit
- Hot glue gun
- Decorations for the log
- Advent songs
- Advent guide



Serve It Up

Follow these steps for a great experience...

1. Have Advent music playing to set the tone. Example songs would be "What Child is This?", "O Come O Come Emmanuel", and "Come, thou Long Expected Jesus"
2. Drill 5 holes the size of your candles into the top of the log (the rounded part). Choose whatever spacing you desire. This is where your 5 candles of advent will be placed.
3. Decorate your log with your supplies.
4. Dedicate a time that you will gather as a family each day of Advent.
5. Light your first candle and begin with the 1st reading of your advent guide.

Several guides have been made available at the Faith@Home Center in Finland's Community Room; others are available at the Faith@Home Center online!

The books below are available in the Community Room and should be borrowed and returned:

- **Jotham's Journey** (use and bring back)
- **Tabitha's Travels** (use and bring back)
- **Ishtar's Odyssey** (use and bring back)
- **Bartholomew's Passage** (use and bring back)

6. Candles are to be lit according to the week of Advent you are in. In the first week, light the first candle when you do your Advent devotions together. In the second week, you light the first and second. In the third, you light the first, second and third. During the fourth, you light the first, second, third and fourth. The fifth candle, the Christ Candle, is lit Christmas morning.

