

November 22, 2020

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

# FBCG Kids



## Hands on Faith—Family Devotionals

### A Servant Shows Kindness to Others

**Scripture:** "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." ([Ephesians 4:32](#) ESV)

**Play:** Ask your children to pick one person and write a coupon for that person. The coupon should help your kids show kindness to someone that week. For example, a coupon might say, "This coupon is good for one use to help you clean your room this week."

**Talk:** It feels good when someone says or does something kind for us. [Ephesians 4:32](#) says, "Be kind to one another." God shows kindness to us, and He wants us to be kind to others. When we are kind to other people, we show them God's kindness and love, too. What is one way that you can be kind to someone?

**Pray:** Thank God for His kindness to you, and ask Him to help you show kindness to other people.  
—Alice Zvacek

### Enjoying God's Love

**Scripture:** *Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.* ([Psalm 90:14](#))

**Play:** Select food items from your pantry shelves and refrigerator — enough for each family member to choose two. Place these items in the middle of the kitchen table. Take turns picking items until all the food has been divided up. Then, have each family member hunt for the expiration date on his items. Talk about why food has an expiration date. What does it tell us?

**Talk:** Unlike the food we eat, God's love has no expiration date. His love is unconditional and limitless.

[Psalm 103:11](#) says, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him."

Because God's love is unconditional, we can't earn His it or do anything to make Him stop loving us. Our value in God's eyes never changes. Today, as you are enjoying His love, express your joy by singing a praise song, praying Scripture or talking about ways He has showed love for you.

**Pray:** Thank God that there is no limit to His love for us.  
—Melinda Taylor

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### Calendar Events:

**Nov. 22**  
**OCC Shoeboxes are due TODAY!**  
**BY NOON!**

## Resources

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FAMILY RESOURCES:

- [Waiting Here For You](#), Louie Giglio
- [Good News of Great Joy](#), John Piper
- [Knowing Him by Name](#), Focus on the Family
- [The Advent Jesse Tree](#), Dean Meador Lambert
- [Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas](#), Ann Voskamp

- [Bake Through the Bible at Christmas](#), Susie Bentley-Taylor and Bekah Moore
- [How Long, O Lord? Charity](#), Singleton Craig
- [She Reads Truth Ornament Cards](#)
- [Come, Let Us Adore Him](#), Paul David Tripp
- [The Littlest Watchman: Watching and Waiting for the Very First Christmas](#), Scott James
- [The One True Gift](#), Tim Chester
- [Grafted In](#), Amy Gannett
- [The Advent Project](#), Biola University
- [Truth in the Tinsel](#)
- [The Wonder of the Greatest Gift](#)
- [The Nativity](#), Julia Vivas
- [Room for a Little One](#), Martin Weddell
- [Unwrapping the Greatest Gift](#)
- [The Way to the Manger](#), Jeff and Abbey Land



## Advent—What is Advent? The History of Advent.

The word Advent means “arrival” or “coming”. It is a season of expectation and hope. Advent is the season leading up to Christmas.

During the 6th centuries, Roman Christians tied Advent to the coming of Christ.

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. This year, Advent begins on November 29.

“The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ’s birth but also for His final return.”

Advent is celebrated with four, sometimes five candle, with a wreath.

- Candle One, the Prophet’s Candle symbolizes hope. The Old Testament prophets waited in hope for the Messiah’s arrival.
- Candle Two, Bethlehem’s Candle represents faith. Micah foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

- Candle Three, Shepherd’s Candle symbolizes joy. To the shepherds’ great joy, angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too.
- Candle Four, Angel’s Candle represents peace. The angles proclaimed that Jesus came to bring peace on earth.
- Candle Five, Christ’s Candle represents purity and light (optional candle). It is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Day.

The Advent wreath appeared first in Germany in 1839. The wreath was made from evergreen. “The evergreen symbolized everlasting life in the midst of winter and death. The circle reminds us of God’s unending love and eternal life He makes possible. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus’ sacrifice and

death. Pinecones can symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through His resurrections.

Families begin lighting a candle on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and they light another candle each subsequent Sunday.”

An Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns  
in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to the,  
O Israel.*



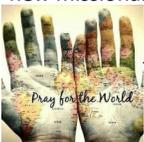
There is a **Prayer Wall** on the church website. The Prayer Wall is a place to post a prayer need or to pray for the needs that were posted.

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## Mission Moment ...

On Wednesday, November 18, the International Mission Board hosted a Sending Celebration as they introduced 79 new missionaries that are



being sent to the field. These missionaries have recently

completed the orientation and will be preparing to depart. Please pray for these as they GO. Each missionary is part of an Affinity Group. An Affinity Group is a large group of many people groups that share a similar language, history, or culture. A people group is a population of people that shares a language, history or culture. Here are some statistics from each Affinity:

AFFINITY	# of People Groups within the Affinity	Total Population of the Affinity	Number of People who die every day apart from Christ
America	1,297	633,933,840	10,283
Central Asia	383	376,406,550	7,217
Deaf	182	67,938,650	1,438
East Asia	650	1,670,654,815	36,101
Europe	858	803,744,275	23,553
North Africa and Middle East	797	552,784,375	8,165
South Asia	2,702	627,776,360	11,132
Southeast Asia	2,286	1,738,042,206	32,718
Sub-Saharan Africa	2,575	875,801,255	19,133