DECEMBER 1–24, 2026

Family Advent Activity Calendar

one small adventure a day • quick ideas on school nights, bigger ones at weekends

TUE 1 Pick a family Christmas song & play it at breakfast QUICK	WED 2 Hot cocoa night — marshmallows & all the toppings QUICK	THU 3 Read a Christmas story together at bedtime QUICK	FRI 4 Christmas movie night with popcorn EVENING	SAT 5 Decorate the tree together & add one new ornament WEEKEND	SUN 6 Bake & decorate Christmas cookies WEEKEND
MON 7 Write Christmas cards to family far away QUICK	TUE 8 Cut paper snowflakes for the windows QUICK	WED 9 Pack a toy or food box to donate QUICK	THU 10 Candlelit dinner — share a favourite memory QUICK	FRI 11 Drive or walk to see the Christmas lights EVENING	SAT 12 Make homemade ornaments WEEKEND
SUN 13 Visit a Christmas market or tree farm OUTING	MON 14 Christmas joke-off at dinner QUICK	TUE 15 Write letters to Santa QUICK	WED 16 Wrap a gift for someone special QUICK	THU 17 Christmas pyjama dance party QUICK	FRI 18 Blanket fort + Christmas audiobook EVENING
SAT 19 Go carolling or join a community sing-along OUTING	SUN 20 Build a gingerbread house WEEKEND	MON 21 Evening walk with torches — spot the stars QUICK	TUE 22 Make treats for the birds or reindeer food QUICK	WED 23 Deliver cookies to a neighbour QUICK	THU 24 Christmas Eve: new pyjamas, leave cookies & carrots EVENING

KEY — QUICK: school-night friendly, 15–20 · EVENING: after dinner, 1–2 hrs · WEEKEND: Sat / Sun, half day · OUTING: out and about

Tick each day when it's done. Swap days freely — the cut-apart cards (pages 2–3) make it easy to rearrange.

Advent Activity Cards • Days 1–12

cut along the dotted lines • fold, pop in an envelope, pocket or numbered box • open one a day

DEC 1 — TUESDAY



Pick a family Christmas song & play it at breakfast

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 2 — WEDNESDAY



Hot cocoa night — marshmallows & all the toppings

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 3 — THURSDAY



Read a Christmas story together at bedtime

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 4 — FRIDAY



Christmas movie night with popcorn

Plan it after dinner — snacks encouraged!

EVENING • 1–2 HRS

DEC 5 — SATURDAY



Decorate the tree together & add one new ornament

Save it for a slow Saturday or Sunday.

WEEKEND • HALF DAY

DEC 6 — SUNDAY



Bake & decorate Christmas cookies

Save it for a slow Saturday or Sunday.

WEEKEND • HALF DAY

DEC 7 — MONDAY



Write Christmas cards to family far away

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 8 — TUESDAY



Cut paper snowflakes for the windows

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 9 — WEDNESDAY



Pack a toy or food box to donate

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 10 — THURSDAY



Candlelit dinner — share a favourite memory

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 11 — FRIDAY



Drive or walk to see the Christmas lights

Plan it after dinner — snacks encouraged!

EVENING • 1–2 HRS

DEC 12 — SATURDAY



Make homemade ornaments

Save it for a slow Saturday or Sunday.

WEEKEND • HALF DAY

Advent Activity Cards • Days 13–24

cut along the dotted lines • fold, pop in an envelope, pocket or numbered box • open one a day

DEC 13 — SUNDAY



Visit a Christmas market or tree farm

Wrap up warm and head out together.

OUTING • GO OUT

DEC 14 — MONDAY



Christmas joke-off at dinner

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 15 — TUESDAY



Write letters to Santa

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 16 — WEDNESDAY



Wrap a gift for someone special

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 17 — THURSDAY



Christmas pyjama dance party

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 18 — FRIDAY



Blanket fort + Christmas audiobook

Plan it after dinner — snacks encouraged!

EVENING • 1–2 HRS

DEC 19 — SATURDAY



Go carolling or join a community sing-along

Wrap up warm and head out together.

OUTING • GO OUT

DEC 20 — SUNDAY



Build a gingerbread house

Save it for a slow Saturday or Sunday.

WEEKEND • HALF DAY

DEC 21 — MONDAY



Evening walk with torches — spot the stars

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 22 — TUESDAY



Make treats for the birds or reindeer food

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 23 — WEDNESDAY



Deliver cookies to a neighbour

Perfect for a busy school night.

QUICK • 15–20 MIN

DEC 24 — THURSDAY



Christmas Eve: new pyjamas, leave cookies & carrots

Plan it after dinner — snacks encouraged!

EVENING • 1–2 HRS

MAKE IT YOURS

Blank Cards & Advent Memories

swap in your own traditions • jot down the moments you want to remember

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Our favourite advent moments of 2026

Do again next year

Skip next year