

Celebrate Advent at Home

A Time of Waiting

Watch [Whirl Kids Celebrate Advent](#). Talk about how the *Whirl Kids* still had to wait for Christmas even though they crammed all their preparations into one day. We need to be patient and wait for Jesus. What does your family do while waiting for Christmas? (e.g. lighting Advent candles, decorating the tree, setting up your Nativity, baking cookies, etc.) Take photos of your family's preparations and create a journal of your Advent activities. Listen to the song [Waiting for Christmas](#) throughout the Advent season as a reminder of why we are waiting.

Advent in Action

Practice sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of Advent with others using this [Advent in Action](#) calendar from the MNO Synod. Here are the [instructions](#) for this activity.

Nativity

As you set up your Nativity, retell the Christmas story using the figurines. Or try one of these:

- use this printable [Nativity Scene](#)
- build a Nativity with Lego
- make puppets and put on a puppet show
- act it out as a family

Bonus: Make a video of your retelling and share it with your family and friends!

Christmas Lights

Go for a walk or drive around your neighbourhood to look at Christmas lights. As you look at the lights, talk about how Jesus is the light of the world. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate when you get home!

Family Movie Night

Watch a Christmas movie (like *A Charlie Brown Christmas* or *Veggie Tales: Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas*) – don't forget the popcorn! Take some time to talk about the true meaning of Christmas.

Bonus: Have a Christmas tree campout and fall asleep by the lights of your Christmas tree!

Read the Christmas story together Luke 2:1-20

Read Luke 2:1-20 from your bible or watch [Jesus is Born](#)

As you read, pause to ask these 'wondering questions':

- I wonder what it was like to travel a long way.
- I wonder what it was like for Mary and Joseph to have to stay in a stable.
- I wonder what the shepherds thought when they saw the angels.
- I wonder what Mary and Joseph thought when shepherds came to see their new baby.

Connect with family & friends

- make Christmas cards to mail
- bake cookies and do a doorstep drop off
- get together on Zoom/Facetime for a Christmas Sing-along