

Kate & Mack's Christmas Advent Calendar

Hi, kids!

Have you ever heard of an Advent calendar? Starting on the first day of December, and going all the way until Christmas Day, Advent calendars share pictures, yummy treats or even fun activities to do as a family.

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. It's full of special events, music, decorations, food, family and more. But remember — the most important part of the season is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, right? Without him, there wouldn't be any Christmas!

Over the first 25 days of December, Mack and I will share some of our favorite Christmas traditions like making hot cocoa, watching a Christmas movie in our pajamas or singing carols. Each Sunday we're also going to be sharing different portions of the important story about Jesus' birth. So get your family together, grab your Bible and open up the pages, because there's a story you definitely need to read about a baby who changed the lives of people all around the world.

Are you ready? Let's start counting down to Christmas!

Make Your Advent Calendar

Before you start counting down the days to Christmas, you first need to make the calendar! You'll need your mom or dad's help for part of it, but most of it you can do by yourself.

Here's how you make it:

1. Print out the coloring page and the page with the Christmas activities.
2. Color the page! Make it bright and joyful for Jesus' birth.
3. When you're done coloring, you'll need to ask your mom or dad to help cut out all the doors (they have dotted lines so you'll know where to cut).
4. Once all the doors are cut out, tape the activity page to the back of the coloring page. Make sure the words face the right direction, because you'll want to be able to read them through the doors each day.

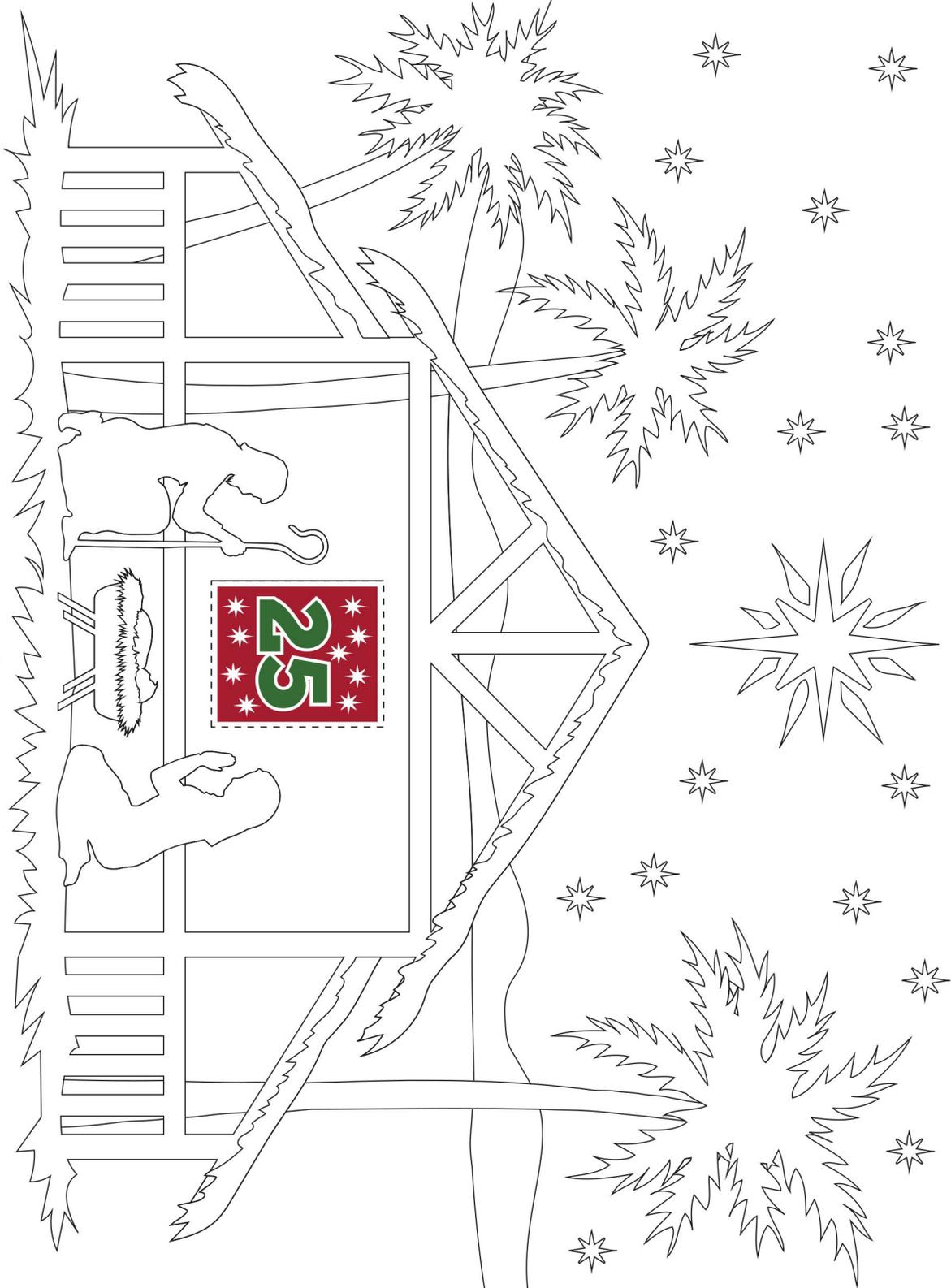
Now hang it up in a place where you'll remember to check it every day. The days to Christmas will fly by with all the fun activities we have to share with you!

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Decorate the house for Christmas

Go to a Christmas Eve service

Make hot cocoa and stir it with a candy cane

Sleep by the Christmas tree

Read a Christmas book about Jesus

Take a Christmas goody to your neighbors

Watch a Christmas movie with popcorn

Watch a Christmas movie in your pajamas

Make Christmas cookies

Read Matthew 1:18-25 as a family

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Read Luke 2:1-20 as a family. Jesus is born!

Read Luke 1:5-25 as a family

Go caroling at a nursing home or children's home to spread some Christmas cheer

Make paper snowflakes

Look at Christmas lights in the neighborhood

Listen to your favorite Christmas CD

Draw a picture from the Christmas story

Make a Christmas card for a neighbor, teacher or friend

Read a favorite Christmas book

Make peppermint bark

Read Luke 1:26-38 as a family

Write a list with different names the Bible uses for Jesus

Make a Christmas present for your mom and dad

Sing Christmas carols together

Make a new ornament for the tree