

Christmas ADVENT CALENDAR

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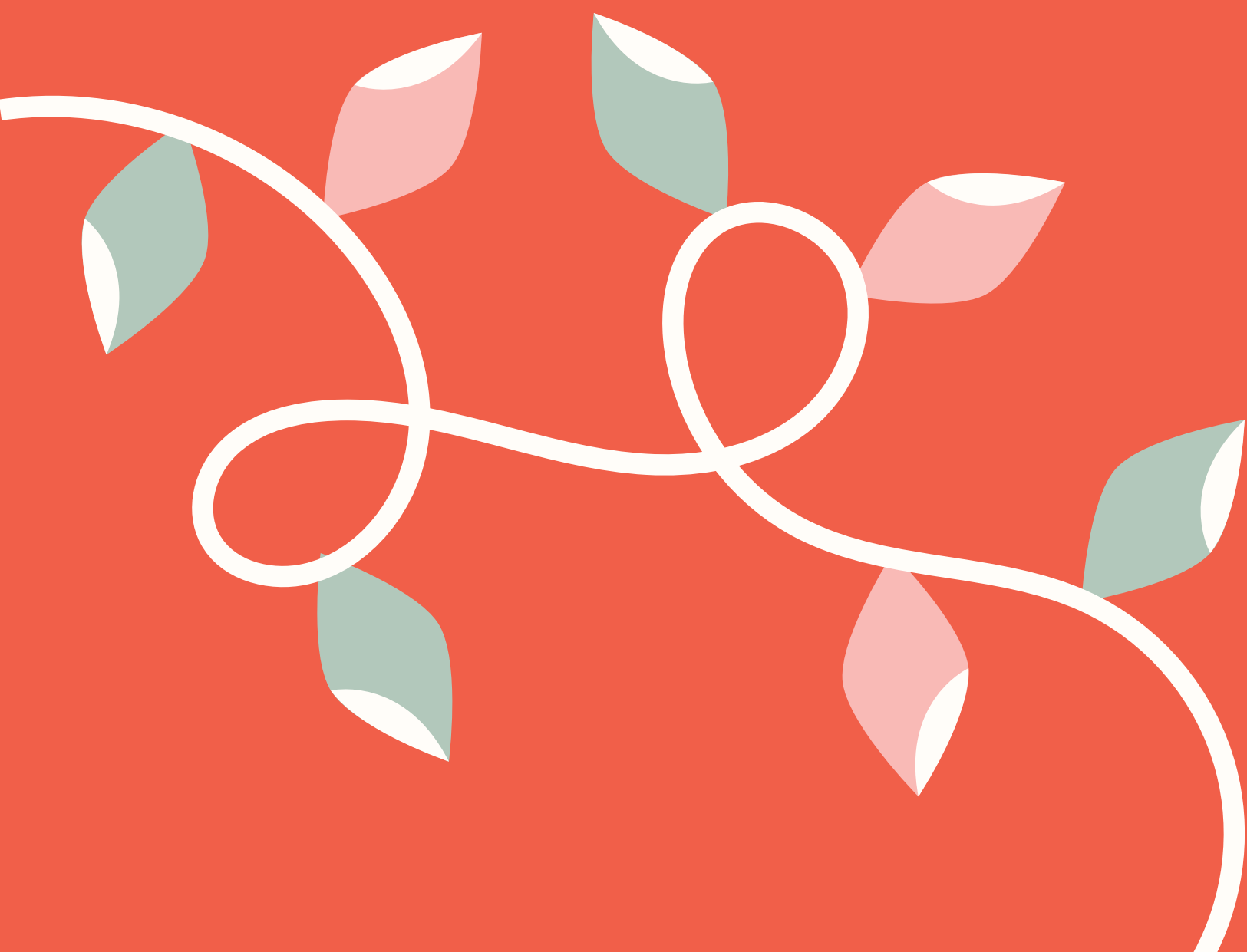
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Read
Genesis 3,
the fall of man.

This may seem like a pretty hopeless Scripture to begin our advent reading with, but trust me, this is full of hope, specifically in **Genesis 3:15!** This is the first promise of Christ, the Seed who will come rescue us from our sin.

Ask

How does this Scripture point to Christ? How does this Scripture show us our need for Christ?



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Read

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7,

the prophecy of Isaac's birth (Abraham's son)

and Christ's birth.

God promises the Seed of a woman to crush Satan in **Genesis 3**, and all throughout the Old Testament, the question remains – Will the Seed come? God promises the Seed to come through Abraham, but there seems to be constant threats to that. For example, Abraham and Sarah are old and barren. In these verses, though, God keeps his promise of continuing Abraham's family line so that the Seed will eventually come from him.

Ask

How does this Scripture point to Christ? Since we can trust God with our salvation (many things threatened to stop the Seed from coming, but nothing did), what else can we trust him with?

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Pray

Pray for your heart during this Christmas season, that it would remain focused on Christ in the midst of the busyness. Pray the Lord would do a special work in your heart.

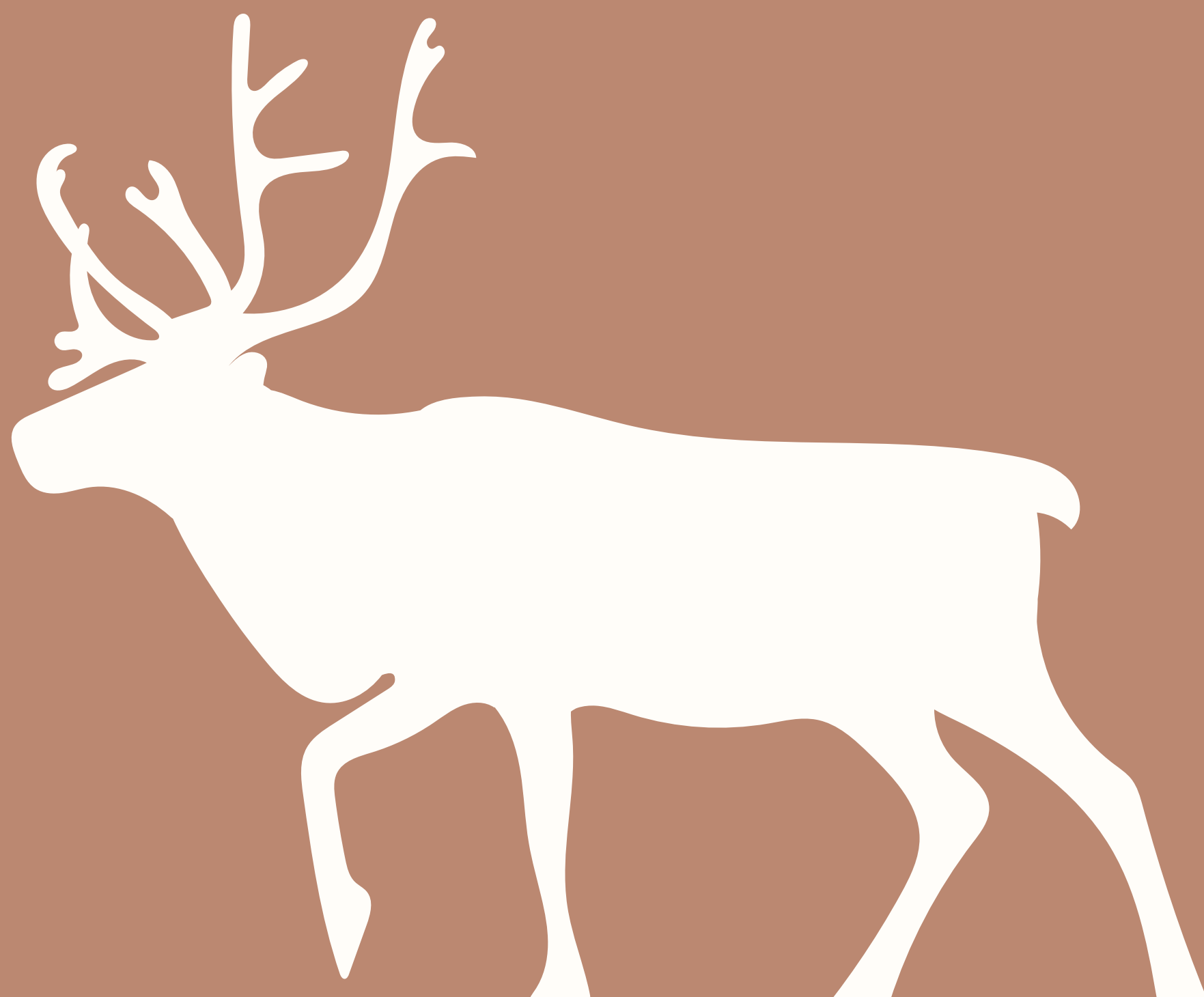


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Pray

Pray for the lost (especially those you know personally)—that this Christmas would be the time they come to know Christ as Savior. Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with them.



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Read

Genesis 22:1-19,

the story of the Lord testing Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Again, there's a threat to this promise of a Seed. Isn't Isaac the one through whom this promise is to continue? These verses show us Abraham's faith, but most importantly, God's faithfulness to keep His promise and provide a sacrifice.

Ask

How does this Scripture point to Christ? Since we can trust God to provide the necessary sacrifice (Jesus) for our salvation, what else can we trust Him to provide?

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Read
Exodus 12,

*the Passover and God delivering Israel
from slavery in Egypt.*

God does a mighty act in this story to save His people from slavery, pointing to how He'll one day do another mighty act to save people from the slavery of their sin. The Israelites showed their faith in God by covering their doorposts with blood. Likewise, believers are covered with the blood of Christ.

Take this time to share your story of when you came to faith in Christ or share the gospel with family members who have not yet come to faith in Christ.

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Read

Deuteronomy 18:14-22,

where God promises to send a prophet like Moses.

In fact, this prophet will be greater than Moses.

Ask

If Jesus is greater than even Moses, how does that encourage us to listen to what He says?

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Read

2 Samuel 7:1-17,

the covenant God makes with David.

In this covenant, God promises to make David's name great, and that his family will rule on the throne forever.

Ask

How does this point to Christ? In what areas of our lives are we struggling to let Jesus be King and reign over them?



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Read
Psalm 8,

a Messianic Psalm that points to Christ.

Ask

**How does this Psalm point to Christ? What specifically
can we praise Jesus for today?**



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Pray

Pray for missionaries serving all over the world who are probably not able to spend the Christmas season with their families. Pray their hearts would be encouraged, and for the Lord to sustain them as they may feel lonely or homesick. Ask God to give them opportunities to share the gospel because of the story of Christmas.

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Pray

Pray for your local church. Christmas is a busy season for churches and pastors. Ask the Lord to give church leaders the wisdom to keep their focus on Christ and all that Christmas truly means, and that your church would be used to reach many people for Christ.

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Read
Psalm 40,

*another Messianic Psalm, specifically pointing to how
Jesus will delight in God's Word (vv. 7-8).*

Ask

**How does this Psalm point to Christ? What are some
specific delights you have in God's Word?**



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Read

Isaiah 7:10-25,

a prophecy concerning the birth of Christ.

Ask

How does this prophecy point to Christ? Immanuel means, "God with us"; how have you seen God be with you in different seasons of life?



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Read
Isaiah 11,

*another prophecy specifically about
Christ's reign as King.*

Ask

**How does this prophecy point to Christ? How does this
passage describe the reign of King Jesus?**

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Read
Isaiah 53,

which prophecies about the suffering Christ will endure.

Ask

**How does this prophecy point to Christ? How did Jesus
serve us on the cross?**



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Read

Daniel 7:13-14,

Daniel's prophecy concerning Jesus's Kingdom.

Ask

How does this prophecy point to Christ? Since Jesus's Kingdom will reign forever, how can that give us peace now?



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Pray

Pray for those who work extremely busy hours during the Christmas season (maybe you know specific people to pray for!). Pray the Lord would give them grace and sustain them. Pray you'd show them the grace of Christ as you interact with them during this busy Christmas season.

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Pray

Pray for the persecuted church around the world. Pray God would sustain them, continue to give them boldness, and deliver them. Pray the Spirit would bring to mind His Word if they don't have the Scripture easily available. Pray their persecutors would be saved.

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Read

Philippians 2:1-11

Starting today, you'll spend the next four days in the Christological passages, passages which point to the deity of Christ (meaning, Christ is fully God and fully man).

Ask

**What does this teach us about Christ being God?
How can we consider others more significant than ourselves, especially during this Christmas season?**

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Read
Colossians 1:15-20,

concerning Jesus as the Creator.

Ask

What does this teach us about Christ being God? How can the truth that Christ holds all things together bring you comfort in this Christmas season?

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Read
Hebrews 1,

pointing to Christ's supremacy and rule.

Ask

What does this teach us about Christ being God?

Where does this say Jesus is now, and how can this

give us assurance of His finished work on the cross?



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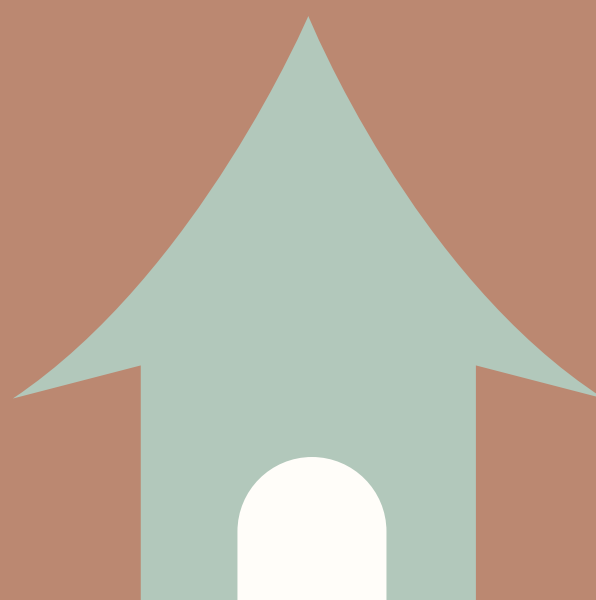
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Read
John 1:1-18,

*our last Christological passage pointing to how Christ
came to dwell among man.*

Ask

**What does this teach us about Christ being God? As
Christians, we're indwelt by Christ through the Spirit;
how have you felt the presence of God in your own life?**



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Read

Matthew 1:18-25,

Mathew's account of the birth of Christ.

Ask

Which Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in these verses? How can you see Joseph's trust in the Lord?



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Read
Luke 2:1-21,

Luke's account of the birth of Christ.

Ask

What was the shepherd's response to the birth of Christ? How specifically can we rejoice that Christ has been born to save us?

Merry Christmas Eve!



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Read

Revelation 21-22,

John's prophecy of the second coming of Christ.

Advent is a season of waiting. We celebrate Jesus's birth, but now, we live in the second advent, awaiting Christ's second coming. On this Christmas day, celebrate Christ's birth by rejoicing in the future that awaits us as believers!

Ask

How can we keep our eyes fixed on eternity? How can we remain faithful to the Lord during this second advent?



Merry Christmas!

