HOPE CHAPEL · ADVENT 2026

Advent 2026: Daily Readings



One short passage a day, from the first Sunday of Advent to Christmas morning. Read it over coffee, at the dinner table or as the last thing before bed. Every reading opens in the Bible App (ESV) so you can keep going if you want to.

Sunday, November 29 to Friday, December 25, 2026 · 27 readings

WEEK 1 · NOV 29 – DEC 5

Hope

Prophecy and longing. God's people waited a long time, and he kept every promise.

29 SUN, NOV

Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

A people walking in darkness see a great light, and the light has a name.

FOR KIDS Turn off the lights, then light one candle. What changes when the light comes on?

30 MON, NOV

Genesis 3:8-15 (ESV)

On the worst day in human history, God is already making a promise.

FOR KIDS Have you ever broken something and someone fixed it for you? How did that feel?

1 TUE, DEC

Isaiah 11:1-10 (ESV)

From a dead-looking stump, a shoot grows, and a whole world is made right.

FOR KIDS Find a plant or tree outside. Can you see anything new growing on it?

2 WED, DEC

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

The days are coming when God will do what he said. He does not forget.

FOR KIDS What is a promise someone kept for you this year?

3 THU, DEC

Isaiah 40:1-11 (ESV)

Comfort, comfort my people. The road is being made straight for the King.

FOR KIDS Who comforts you when you are sad? How do they do it?

4 FRI, DEC

Micah 5:2-5a (ESV)

The Ruler of all is coming from a small town nobody expected.

FOR KIDS Find Bethlehem on a map or your phone. How far is it from Austin?

5 SAT, DEC

Psalm 130 (ESV)

Waiting on the Lord is not nothing. It is where hope learns to stand.

FOR KIDS What is the hardest thing to wait for? What helps you wait?

WEEK 2 · DEC 6 – DEC 12

Peace

Preparation. John the Baptist clears the road, and we clear some room in our own lives.



6 SUN, DEC

Isaiah 35:1-10 (ESV)

The desert blooms and the weak knees are made firm. God himself is coming.

FOR KIDS Draw a desert, then draw it full of flowers. Which one feels more like Christmas?

7 MON, DEC

Malachi 3:1-4 (ESV)

A messenger will come first, and the Lord's arrival will refine, not just comfort.

FOR KIDS What does it mean to get something clean? Why would God want to clean our hearts?

8 TUE, DEC

Luke 1:5-25 (ESV)

An old priest, a long-unanswered prayer, and an angel in the temple.

FOR KIDS Zechariah could not speak for months. What would you miss most if you could not talk?

9 WED, DEC

Luke 1:57-80 (ESV)

John is born and his father's first words in nine months are a song.

FOR KIDS What is a song your family sings together? Sing a line of it tonight.

10 THU, DEC

Mark 1:1-8 (ESV)

John preaches in the wilderness and points past himself to someone greater.

FOR KIDS John wore camel hair and ate locusts. What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?

11 FRI, DEC

Luke 3:7-18 (ESV)

Getting ready for Jesus looks like sharing a coat and telling the truth.

FOR KIDS Is there a coat or toy you could give to someone who needs it this week?

12 SAT, DEC

Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

Swords beaten into plows. The peace God brings is not a feeling but a new world.

FOR KIDS Is there someone you need to make peace with? What is one small step you could take?

WEEK 3 · DEC 13 – DEC 19

Joy

Mary and Joseph. Ordinary people say yes to an extraordinary God.



13 SUN, DEC

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

A young woman in a small town hears the most important news ever spoken, and says yes.

FOR KIDS Mary said yes to God even though she was scared. When is it hard for you to say yes?

14 MON, DEC

Luke 1:39-45 (ESV)

Two unlikely mothers meet, and a baby jumps for joy before he is born.

FOR KIDS Who is someone you are always happy to see? Call or text them today.

15 TUE, DEC

Luke 1:46-56 (ESV)

Mary sings about a God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry.

FOR KIDS Mary thanked God for things he had done. Name three things to thank him for right now.

16 WED, DEC

Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Joseph's plans fall apart, and God meets him in a dream with a bigger plan.

FOR KIDS Joseph obeyed God even when it was confusing. What is one way you can obey this week?

17 THU, DEC

Isaiah 7:10-14 (ESV)

Seven hundred years early, the sign is given: Immanuel, God with us.

FOR KIDS Immanuel means 'God with us.' Where did you notice God with you today?

18 FRI, DEC

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (ESV)

God does not just put up with his people. He rejoices over them with singing.

FOR KIDS God sings over you! What do you think his song about you sounds like?

19 SAT, DEC

Psalm 98 (ESV)

Let the rivers clap and the hills sing. The whole earth is invited to sing.

FOR KIDS Go outside and find three things in nature. How could each one praise God?

WEEK 4 · DEC 20 – DEC 23

Love

The Word becomes flesh. God comes close enough to hold.



20 SUN, DEC

John 1:1-14 (ESV)

The Word who made everything comes to live among us, and we have seen his glory.

FOR KIDS Jesus came to live with people like us. If Jesus came to your house, what would you show him?

21 MON, DEC

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

Grace has appeared in person, and it changes how we live while we wait again.

FOR KIDS A gift you did not earn is called grace. What is the best gift you ever got?

22 TUE, DEC

1 John 4:9-11 (ESV)

This is what love is: God sent his Son. So we love one another.

FOR KIDS Who in your family needs some extra love today? Do one kind thing for them.

23 WED, DEC

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

The King empties himself and takes the form of a servant. That is the shape of love.

FOR KIDS Jesus chose to serve. What is one job at home you could do without being asked?

CHRISTMAS · DEC 24 – DEC 25

Christ

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The birth of Jesus, told by Luke.



24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Thu, Dec

Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)

No room, no crib, no fanfare. The Savior of the world is born in a stable.

FOR KIDS Set up your nativity scene (or draw one). Who is there? Who is missing until tomorrow?

25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Fri, Dec

Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)

Good news of great joy for all people: unto you is born this day a Savior.

FOR KIDS The shepherds ran to tell everyone. Who can you tell about Jesus today?

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