

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent focuses on Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. These themes will be present throughout the different activities.

How to use :

Pick a time to complete your activity. Read the day's activity and have fun!

December 4: Gather around and watch *A Charlie Brown Christmas*! *Love, Joy

December 5: Everyone loves remembering Christmas memories. Parents, write letters to your kids. Then work together as a family to write a letter to Santa. *Love

December 6: Lucy loves the sound of nickels in her can. This Advent share a nickel with a charity of your choice (Salvation Army or PCC Church offering). *Love, Peace, Hope

December 7: Lucy tells Charlie Brown the solution to his problem is that he needs involvement. As a family think of something you can do to volunteer this Advent season. Take time to brainstorm then pick an idea and set a date to complete your task.

*Love, Joy

December 8: Advent is a great time to pause and spend time together as a family. Tonight eat dinner together as a family. Busy? PCC offers a free meal Thursday nights from 5-7pm.

*Love

December 9: Charlie Brown checks his mail and has no Christmas cards. Gather some art supplies and make Christmas cards for your loved ones. Don't forget to send them!

*Love, Hope

December 10: The Peanuts gang is able to make Charlie Brown's tree a lot better by decorating it. Use the recipe (page 3) to make some homemade ornaments to hang on your tree.

*Joy

December 11: Snoopy enters his doghouse into the neighborhood lights and display contest. Have your own display contest by decorating your bedroom doors and then pick a winner!

*Joy

December 12: Linus shares what Christmas is all about by reciting Scripture. Read Luke 2:1-20 and remember what Christmas is all about.

*Hope, Peace



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December 13: Charlie Brown says that all his tree needs is some love. He takes it home and adds a red ornament to it. Color a red ornament and hang it on your Christmas tree to be reminded about Jesus' love for us. Then make another one to share with another family reminding them of Jesus' love this Advent season. *Love

December 14: Snoopy takes time to read the newspaper and snack on bones. Gather around and enjoy your favorite snack and read your favorite Christmas books. *Joy

December 15: Instead of rehearsing the Christmas Play the Peanuts gang would rather dance. Put on some fun music and have your own dance party. *Joy

December 16: There are many neighborhoods that decorate their houses for the holidays like Snoopy did. Drive around tonight and look at the Christmas lights. *Peace

December 17: Advent wouldn't be complete without a Christmas Play. Join us at PCC for our own Christmas Play today at 1pm *Love, Joy, Peace, Hope

December 18: A Charlie Brown Christmas opens with the Peanuts gang ice skating! Go ice skating today as a family. On the way work together to complete the Everything Christmas A to Z sheet. (PDF) *Joy

December 19: Don't give into the stress of Christmas. Tonight turn off the electronics and spend time together as a family. To get started act out your own Charlie Brown Christmas story. *Peace, Love

December 20: "Try to catch snowflakes on your tongue, it's fun!" If it is snowing take time to catch snowflakes on your tongue. No snow?!? No worries, use coffee filters to make your own! *Peace

December 21: Linus did a great job of memorizing Scripture. Take time to memorize Luke 2:14. *Hope

December 22: A Charlie Brown Christmas ends with the Peanuts gang singing together. Go Christmas Caroling and share Luke 2:14. *Hope, Joy, Love

December 23: As Charlie Brown ponders Linus' words of Scripture, he looks up at the sky. Tonight at 8pm, use the constellation chart (PDF) and see what you can find! *Peace



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December 24: It's Christmas Eve. Let's celebrate the Spirit of Christmas together.

Service times are 5pm and 7pm (full family service). Remember there is no church tomorrow, December 25th. *Love, Joy, Hope, Peace

December 25: Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus! Thank you for joining us with The Spirit of Christmas. Hope you were able to remember what Christmas is all about.

*Love, Joy, Hope, Peace

Salt Dough Ornaments

Need:

1 cup salt 2 cups flour 3/4 cup water

What to do:

Add salt and flour to a bowl, gradually add water.

Mix together till a dough forms (make sure it isn't sticky).

Using cookie cutters, cut out your ornaments. Make a hole for the ribbon.

Air dry ornaments or place in oven, 120 degrees for around 3 hours. Make sure dough is fully dried out.

Once dry, paint, add a ribbon, then add to your tree!

