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Advent for Kids Upper Room Books

"Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe." With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope--and even an appearance by Father Christmas--C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of

Christmas, these twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small group discussion and ideas for creating a "Narnia Night" for families. Readers will ultimately come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.

The Advent-Christmas Book CSS Publishing Prepare for the coming of Christ with this popular and inviting annual guide. During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-

earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Through Mary DeTurris Poust's reflections on lectionary readings from the weekday and Sunday Masses, readers will grow in their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Our Hope and Expectation Saint Andrew Press

It's a time when we prepare our lives—hearts, minds, and spirits—for the coming of the Christ child. We sweep out the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the

clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love, and presence. The *Uncluttered Heart* offers four weeks of guided reflection through the weeks of Advent on through Epiphany. Each day provides a quotation scripture passage reflection prayer This book includes a study guide for groups.

The Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons 2020-2021 Little Books

This complete set of seasonal material offers everything you need for an exciting Advent and Christmas program. With dramatic monologues, sermons, children's messages and worship liturgies, a Sunday school program, and a pair of Christmas Eve candlelight services, there's something for everyone, whatever your congregation's size or worship style. *An Unlikely Cast* (Alan E. Siewert) is a set of dramatic monologues that reveal the inner thoughts and feelings of five characters who were deeply involved in the unfolding divine drama of the nativity: Joseph, Mary, John the Baptist, the innkeeper, and a shepherd. The monologues can be used in midweek Advent services, special programs, or Sunday morning worship. Staging and costuming suggestions are

included, to help you bring these exciting accounts to life. *The Colors Of Christmas* (H. Michael Nehls) is a creative series of six sermons and children's messages in which each week features a different color. The sermons use the color idea to stress such Christian themes as royalty, sacrifice, and holiness, while the children's messages utilize the inventive device of passing out ribbon swatches of the color of the day; as the youngsters receive the various ribbons, they can collect a "ribbon rainbow." *Is This The Road To Bethlehem?* (Judy Gattis Smith) is an Advent worship liturgy in which children are the main participants. The centerpiece is an "action/sermon" featuring six brief readings using illustrative wooden figures. All the elements of a typical worship service are present -- but in a manner that focuses on the interests and expressions of children, allowing them to experience worship rather than just listen and watch. *Producing Christmas* (Jennifer Hockenberry Dragseth) is a humorous children's play which casts the Christmas story as the ultimate Hollywood blockbuster. Everyone wants to be a part of the big movie -- and they all have ideas about how to make it a

hit, only to finally learn why the coming of the Christ child is truly the "greatest story ever told." With participants ranging in age from junior high to preschoolers, this flexible piece is perfect for a brief Sunday school program. *A Christmas Journey* and *Christmas Letters* (Rod Tkach) are imaginative Christmas Eve services weaving together carols, prayers, scripture readings, and several brief meditations. In *A Christmas Journey*, the reflections guide worshipers on a journey from being home alone to the ultimate destination of the Christmas cross. Anticipation, symbolized by the lighting of the Advent candles, gives way to the joy of arrival as the service climaxes with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. *Christmas Letters* celebrates the human connection of the holiday season, demonstrated by the diversity of letters and packages we send to one another. The heartwarming meditations build on a compelling theme: that the incarnation was God's Christmas letter to us -- and that as we live out our faith, we are God's Christmas letter to the world.

[Preparing for Jesus](#) Loyola Press
This practical handbook for homes and

church communities helps to enrich the Christian celebration of Advent through the creation and use of an Advent calendar. Written for people of all skill levels, Baumgarten provides instructions for a calendar made of paper or junk mail, a no-sew felt version, and a fabric version for more advanced sewers. Teach Us To Number Our Days, however, is more than a simple crafts' book. Baumgarten provides readers with a brief history of the development of Advent in the Christian calendar, as well as detailed explanations of the various Christian symbols that can be used during the season. Paying attention to both the Old and New Testament symbols, as well as the Sundays of Advent and the Great 'O' Antiphons from December 17-23, this book is a complete guide to Advent for individuals, families, and churches.

Immanuel Church House Publishing
Puts Christ into every symbol of Christmas, from candy canes to carols.

To Nativity and Beyond Presbyterian Publishing Corp

Rediscover the heart of the Advent season
As the year comes to a close and the stress and busyness of the consumer

Christmas holiday grows, it can be easy to lose sight of what the season really calls us to: worship. In today's world, is it even possible to slow down, to ponder, to wonder in the coming birth of Christ? This Advent, recapture the mystery and beauty of the season with *The Wonder of Advent Devotional*. In this insightful and thought-provoking book, beloved devotional author Chris Tiegreen brings you into a deeper experience of this integral time in the church calendar. After completing a week of short readings to prepare your heart for the Advent season, you'll journey through December with daily Scripture readings, prompts for reflection, and guided prayer to help you savor this remarkable divine story. With each day, *The Wonder of Advent Devotional* will reconnect you with what happened in Bethlehem long ago—and experience it anew in your life right now.

Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2021-22 Loyola Press

Ann Spangler believes it's possible to transform the crazy, wonderful, stressful season we call Christmas into one of greater peace and deeper joy by recovering the gift of Advent. For hundreds

of years, Christians have prepared for Christmas by carefully observing the four-week season leading up to it. What's more, when Christmas did arrive, they celebrated not just for one day but for twelve! So four weeks for Advent and nearly two weeks for Christmas makes six weeks, which is why Ann Spangler has prepared this six-week Christmas devotional. Drawing from her bestselling books *Praying the Names of God* and *Praying the Names of Jesus*, Spangler selected six names or titles—including Immanuel, Yeshua, and Bright Morning Star. Each name offers a week's worth of devotions focusing on God, the miraculous birth of his son, and the promise of his return. In Immanuel, you'll discover a perfect balance of prayer, reflection, and study to help you open your heart fully to the birth of Jesus and all that it means.

Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2018-2019

HarperChristian + ORM

This diverse collection of eight worship services for all ages will enliven the worship of any church. The material was carefully selected not only for creativity and content, but also for

adaptability to use by churches of any size. None of these pieces require complicated props or settings, nor do they require lengthy rehearsals. There are a verse play depicting ten friendly barn animals, a dialogue between two angels who announce the coming of the Messiah, a service utilizing French, Spanish, and German hymns, a five-part choral reading, and a program featuring interplay between a narrator and a children's choir which signs its responses.

A Christmas Journey Abingdon Press Advent, a joyful time of preparation for the birth of Jesus, can be further enriched with Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season 2021-22, a daily prayer experience from Sacred Space, the internationally known online prayer guide. Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season invites readers to develop a closer relationship with God during this season of preparation and anticipation. What we know and trust about the Sacred Space online prayer experience is now available in a compact, portable print format to heighten our Advent prayer practice in a way that is accessible, engaging, and meaningful to

daily life. Throughout the Advent season, each day includes a Scripture reading and points of reflection, as well as a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and reflection. With its small size and meaningful message, Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season is a simple way to build a richer relationship with God and embrace the Advent season as a sacred space.

Celebrating Advent Church Publishing, Inc. Six minutes a day. That's what you're asked to give during these next 43 days - the 27 days of the Advent season, and the 16 days of the Christmas season. Each 24-hour day has 240 "six minute" packages. During the Advent and Christmas seasons, you're asked to give one of those to the Lord.

Advent and Christmas in a Catholic Home Church Publishing, Inc.

Faith, Hope, Love, Joy, and The Light Of The World are themes in this candlelighting service for the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. Each service includes a scripture, message and prayer with optional listing of hymns and calls to worship. Lights Of Love provides a banner instruction section, a Christmas Eve

candlelighting suggested order of service, and a brief explanation of the meaning of Advent. In addition to public worship, the services can easily be used in a family worship or Sunday school setting. Charles T. Brown is a pastor in the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, and Bangor Theological Seminary Bangor, Maine.

Advent Conspiracy Zondervan

Packed with practical ideas and original, ready-to-use seasonal material, this volume will be widely welcomed by hard-pressed ministers and worship leaders looking for fresh inspiration at a time of the year when there are always extra services to plan and as they seek new ways of enabling the familiar Christmas stories to be heard afresh amid the commercial frenzy. From the beginning of Advent right through to Epiphany, this volume offers:

- Reflective introductions to the distinctive biblical emphases of each of the seasons
- Responsive gathering and opening prayers
- Interactive prayers of thanksgiving
- Seasonally themed intercessions
- Children's addresses and activities
- Sermon helps, scriptural

meditations and reflections • New seasonal prayers of consecration for communion • Simple seasonal ceremonies, such as for lighting the Advent wreath

Advent in Narnia CSS Publishing

Open yourself to the divine chaos and wonder that Advent brings. Join young Mary as she experiences the surprise, confusion, fear, anticipation, and blessing that follows her brave response to God's call: "Here am I, Lord." Listen carefully, and you may hear that call in your own life. Best-selling author and minister Carol Howard Merritt leads us on a remarkable Advent journey with the blessed ordinary girl who becomes the holy and revered Mother of God. From the first Sunday of Advent through Christmas Day, each daily devotion includes a scripture verse, a reflection, and a prayer. *I Am Mary* also features an Advent candlelighting service—a great liturgy for that special moment as you light the candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, and the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath and our lives.

Destination, Bethlehem Barbour Publishing

Our Hope and Expectation explores the

Advent season and celebrates the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany. It includes daily devotions based on year B scripture readings (in the Revised Common Lectionary) for Sundays and festival days between the first Sunday of Advent (November 29, 2020) and Epiphany (January 6, 2021). In addition to devotions, the book offers household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations.

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

WestBow Press

Christmas is one of the most joyful times of year, and it can also be one of the most stressful. It comes laden with expectations and, for many, overshadowed by difficult memories and emotions. If every other day of the year has us running in different directions, driven by the bleeping demands of our phones and devices, Christmas makes us run faster still. This understanding and uplifting book offers another way to approach Christmas and to discover how its joys and promises can restore our lives, not add to their burdens. You are invited to take a few minutes each day during December to join in a conversation with the bestselling author,

Stephen Cottrell, who offers simple reflections and practical suggestions for making your Christmas the celebration it is meant to be. Previously published as *Do Nothing Christmas is Coming*.

Lights of Love CSS Publishing

An updated and revised version of a book that has impacted thousands of churches: Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand! Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us, not a retail circus that depletes our pocketbooks and defeats our spirits. *Advent Conspiracy* shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: **Worship Fully**—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus. **Spend Less**—and free your resources for things that truly matter. **Give More**—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. **Love All**—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a difference. Find out how to have a Christmas worth remembering, not

dreading. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most—your presence. This updated and revised version, with some all-new content, will share stories of the impact this movement has made around the globe as well as giving individuals and churches even better, more practical help in planning the kind of Christmas that truly can change the world. New introduction, new chapter and changes throughout.

All about Advent & Christmas: Sharing the Seasons of Hope & Wonder with Children Revell

This anthology provides you with a great selection of dramatic material for memorable Advent and Christmas worship. With a variety of approaches, there's ample material to choose from to fit your needs, whatever your congregation's size or worship style. "Five Advent Candle Dramas" (Anne W. Anderson) explores the traditional meanings of the Advent wreath candles in brief 3-5 minute sketches that incorporate the lighting of each week's candle. The Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace are couched in contemporary dramatic settings yet connected to the

powerful reality of Christ's coming. Each scene includes concise instructions for costumes, props, and settings. "The Savior Of The World" (Nelson Chamberlain) is a five-scene play that tells the traditional Christmas story -- with a touch of humor and a few unexpected twists. With roles for children from preschool age through sixth grade, this fun, easy-to-produce program is perfect for that special day when the church is full and you want to highlight the young people in your congregation. "Time Travelers' Tale Of The Carols" (Linda Buff & Sharon Cathcart) is an entertaining and educational presentation that combines the story of Jesus' birth with the stories of several beloved Christmas carols. Through the imaginative device of a time machine, audiences will hear from some of the musicians and writers who created these familiar classics. Sets and costumes are minimal, and this simple play can be produced by churches of any size -- while there are parts for many children, the script can be easily adapted for any age or number of participants. Performance time is approximately 35-40 minutes. "Here We Come To Bethlehem "(Pamela Honan

Peterson) is a Christmas pageant and congregational worship service that lets audiences eavesdrop on the thoughts, stories, and questions of ancient travelers as they make their way to Bethlehem. There are roles for 18 performers ranging from age three through high school, but with this flexible program it's easy to involve as many children, youth, and adults as desired. Performance time is approximately 20-25 minutes. "Choices" skillfully interweaves dramatic readings and mimed characterizations with familiar carols and scripture texts to create a moving experience for the entire congregation. Perfect for either a children's program or Christmas Eve worship, this service combines contemporary drama with the charm and inspiration of a traditional Christmas pageant. It's a flexible piece that can be presented by any size group of young people, and costumes and settings may be simple or elaborate. Performance time is approximately 45-50 minutes.

Advent Family Devotions Paraclete Press
This book contains a collection of traditional customs for celebrating Advent and Christmas. It is a great resource for

prayers, recipes, songs, and more.
[Teach Us to Number Our Days A&C Black](#)

Traces the history of Advent, explains the meaning of each Advent candle, and

suggests ways for families to celebrate the season