



A MASON JAR Advent

GET PRAYING

READING AND PRAYERS FOR EACH WEEK OF ADVENT

PRINT UP, CUT OUT, AND ATTACH A COLORED RIBBON TO EACH "GET PRAYING" TAG (USE DIFFERENT COLORS FOR "GET MOVING," "GET CONNECTED," AND "GET SOCIAL" TAGS). THEN POP THEM ALL INTO A MASON JAR, AND DRAW ONE "GET PRAYING" CARD EACH WEEK.



First Week of Advent

READ: LUKE 21:25-36

LIGHT: ONE CANDLE

PRAY: DEAR GOD, HELP US TO NOTICE THE WAYS WE CAN EACH BECOME A LIGHT OF HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SADNESS AND SHADOWS.

Second Week of Advent

READ: LUKE 3:1-6

LIGHT: TWO CANDLES

PRAY: DEAR GOD, SHOW US YOUR WAY OF PEACE, AND HELP US PLAY OUR PART AND PREPARE THE WAY.

Christmas Eve

READ: JOHN 1:1-14

LIGHT: FIVE CANDLES

PRAY: DEAR GOD, LET TONIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF OUR SHINING FORTH. BE BORN INSIDE OF US ANEW FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR BRIGHT AND BROKEN WORLD. AMEN.

Fourth Week of Advent

READ: LUKE 1:39-45

LIGHT: FOUR CANDLES

PRAY: DEAR GOD, HELP US TO HEAR AND BELIEVE YOUR VOICE, TO LIVE OUT OF LOVE, AND TO LEAP FOR JOY.

Third Week of Advent

READ: LUKE 3:7-18

LIGHT: THREE CANDLES

PRAY: DEAR GOD, HELP US BE JOYFUL AND FRUITFUL, SHARING WILDLY WHAT WE HAVE AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.

GET MOVING

ACTIONS OF LOVE AND GRACE

PRINT UP, CUT OUT, AND
ATTACH A COLORED RIBBON TO
EACH "GET MOVING" TAG (USE
DIFFERENT COLORS FOR "GET
PRAYING," "GET CONNECTED,"
AND "GET SOCIAL" TAGS). THEN
POP THEM ALL INTO A MASON
JAR, AND DRAW ONE EACH DAY.



GO FOR A BEAUTY WALK.



look, listen,
and watch
for God's love
and life
all around.



DO SOME SERIOUS
RESEARCH AND IDENTIFY
A JOKE YOU LIKE.
THEN CALL A FRIEND,
A GRANDPARENT, OR A
CO-WORKER AND

give the gift
of laughter!



Invite someone
"over" for an online
board game night.

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Hot chocolate and
popcorn (even over
Zoom!) make
everything better!

Make 10

"I love you" cards

AND SEND THEM OUT
WITH ABANDON!



MARY, JOSEPH, AND
JESUS WERE REFUGEES.

Identify a refugee
resettlement
organization in
your community,
and find out how
you can help.



SEND FLOWERS TO A
MIDWIFE, DOULA, LABOR
AND DELIVERY NURSE,
OR OB/GYN YOU KNOW.

THANK THEM FOR
HELPING BRING NEW
LIFE INTO THE WORLD!

Deliver some
yummy dog or
cat treats
to your local
animal
shelter.



(CALL AHEAD
TO FIND
OUT THEIR
FAVORITES!)



Write a
"thank you"
letter to God.

PLACE IT
UNDER THE TREE
AND READ IT
ALoud ON
CHRISTMAS EVE.

HIDE A FEW CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS IN RANDOM
PLACES AROUND YOUR
HOUSE, APARTMENT, OR
WORKPLACE!



*God hides beauty
in the most
unexpected places!*

*Make some
peppermint hot
cocoa, and drink it
in the coziest spot
you can find.*

*Taste and
see that
God is good!*



HAVE A
"CRAFTERNOON"
AND MAKE
SOMETHING
LOVELY.



*Have a dinner
picnic in the glow of
the Christmas tree.*

BASK IN GOD'S BEAUTY
ALL AROUND.



SET ASIDE ONE DAY
THIS WEEK AS A

Sabbath day.

TURN EVERYTHING
OFF, STOP WORKING,
AND ENJOY THE
*simple pleasures
of life!*

MAKE
SOME
FRESH
BREAD.

*It's not hard once
you start, and it
makes your house
smell amazing!*



Draw SOMETHING,

Bake SOMETHING,

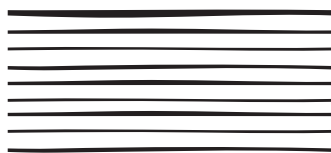
OR

Make SOMETHING.



Buy nothing today

AND FOCUS ON
TREASURES THAT CAN'T BE
BOUGHT OR SOLD!



*Plan some
"non-stuff"
presents
this Christmas.*

CREATE SOME "COUPONS"
FOR EXPERIENTIAL GIFTS
LIKE A SUMMER CAMPING
TRIP OR A SPECIAL
HOMEMADE DINNER.

WRITE A GRATITUDE
LIST OF **10 THINGS THAT
MAKE YOU HAPPY**, AND
THEN SAY, "THANK YOU!"
TO GOD 10 TIMES.

*Share the list
with someone
you love!*



GIVE SOMETHING
AWAY. YOUR
HEART WILL FEEL
LIGHTER, AND
THE WORLD WILL
BE BETTER FOR IT.



IN NORTH AMERICA, WE
SPEND OVER \$3 BILLION A
YEAR ON NON-RECYCLABLE
WRAPPING PAPER!

*Plan some creative
new ways to wrap
presents this year.*

*Say a prayer today
for a specific
group of people
in need.*

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PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES,
HUNGRY FAMILIES,
REFUGEES,
PRISONERS...



Try making today



*and reflect
with a friend
about the
experience.*



*Set up a nativity
(FIGURINES
OR PAPER CUT-OUTS)
and play with it
together.*

A
FEW
BONUS
GIFT
TAGS

**Warm
Wishes**

TO:
FROM:

**OH
HOLY
NIGHT**



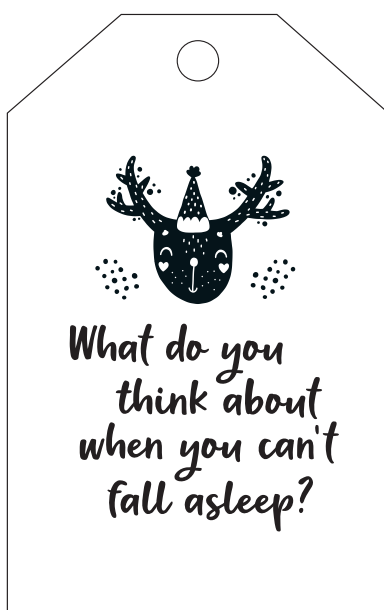
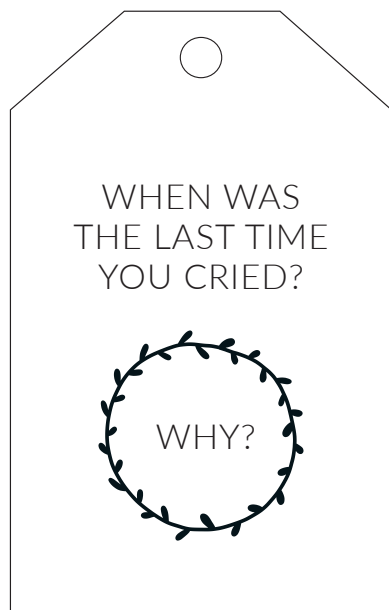
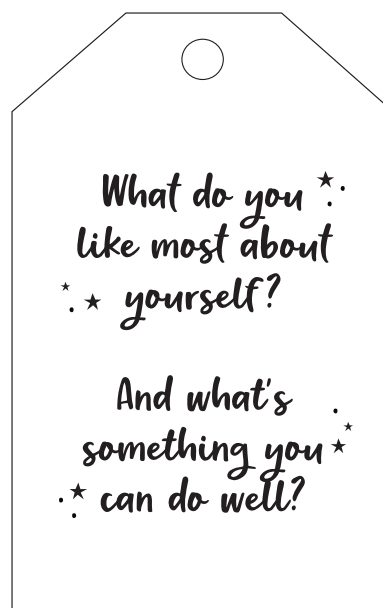
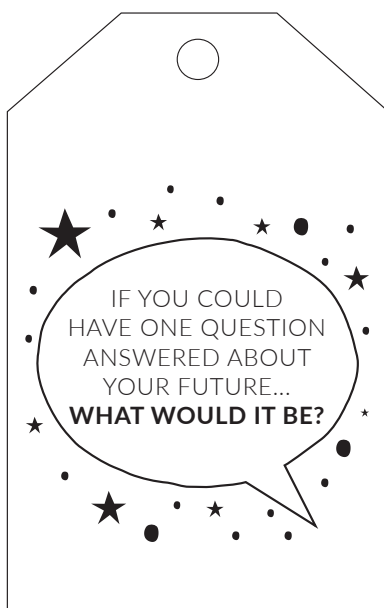
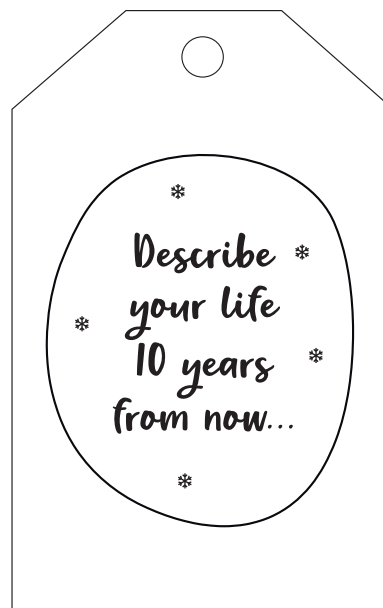
TO:
FROM:

GET CONNECTED

DINNER CONVERSATION STARTERS

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GET SOCIAL

SOCIAL MEDIA STARTERS

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