



2019 ADVENTURE CALENDAR



Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation, literally meaning “arrival,” as we prepare for the arrival of Christ at Christmas. In these four weeks, we spend time preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also preparing for when Jesus will return. As we wait for the arrival of Jesus, we are on an adventure of living in **hope, peace, joy, and love**. Christ brought these things into the world and invites us to join Him in living them out until He returns to bring perfect hope, peace, joy, and love to the world. May this calendar help prepare your hearts for Christmas and join in sharing the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ with those around you this season.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p>1 HOPE Read Psalm 130:5-8. We wait for Jesus's coming with hope because of God's Word. What are some hope-filled promises God has made?</p>	<p>2 Invite a friend to come to chapel or the Christmas concert with you, so that both of you may be reminded where hope truly comes from.</p>	<p>3 Pay for someone's coffee, meal, or snack today on or off campus. Or if you're out to eat, pool your dollars to give a good tip.</p>	<p>4 Check out fmsc.org! Read the stories of how hope is greater. Ask family/friends to bring hope with a donation to feed people around the world this Christmas.</p>	<p>5 Ask someone how you can pray for them today. Encourage them that Jesus brings hope for all of our requests.</p>	<p>6 Write an encouraging note or card to someone who could use some hope.</p>	<p>7 Find a way to serve today. Give a snack or mittens to the homeless, Volunteer to help someone who needs it—a shelter, shoveling snow, babysitting, etc.</p>	
<p>8 PEACE Read Isaiah 40:1-5. Jesus brings comfort and peace—making us & all things as they ought to be once again. What does this mean for us?</p>	<p>9 Spend 3 minutes focusing on breathing. You have peace with God in Christ. Ask God to fill you with peace beyond understanding.</p>	<p>10 Be a person of peace. Sit in a space or by a person out of your norm. Introduce yourself & learn about them. You may gain a new friend!</p>	<p>11 Spend time praying for peace in the world, in our country, in your community, in your family, & your heart. Ask God for help in being a peacemaker where you are.</p>	<p>12 Reach out to someone. Invite someone you've had conflict with or someone who holds different views than you to coffee or dinner.</p>	<p>13 Enjoy a relaxed meal around a table with others. Share where you've seen peace this week. Plan activities for tomorrow!</p>	<p>14 School is out! Spend the day without/with limited screens! Enjoy some peaceful solitude or focused time with others.</p>	
<p>15 JOY Read Isaiah 52:7-9. We are also people “on watch” watching for the birth & return of Jesus. Why does that bring joy?</p>	<p>16 Go sledding, throw snow, make a snow man, go look at Christmas lights, or cut out paper snow flakes. Soak up a joyful winter activity!</p>	<p>17 Make a list today of what's good in your day or week. Thank God for these blessings. Share your “what's good” list with a friend.</p>	<p>18 Jesus was joy unexpected. Offer unexpected joy today. Send someone coffee or balloons, wear a goofy sweater, do something silly and fun just because.</p>	<p>19 Bring some joy by doing something helpful for a family member/friend without being asked. Go out of your way to help someone today.</p>	<p>20 “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear!” Do some caroling with friends or family on your street, by a store, or to someone who could use some joy.</p>	<p>21 Watch your favorite Christmas movie or read your favorite holiday story and soak up the joy of the season.</p>	
<p>22 LOVE Read John 3:16-17. God's immense love for us and the whole world appears in Jesus coming to earth. Reflect on the significance for us to receive and show this kind of love.</p>	<p>23 Do you really believe you're loved and chosen? You. Are. Courageously receive the love and service God and those around you offer you today.</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE Read the Christmas story in Luke 2. Reflect and discuss all that Jesus, Mary, & Joseph endured for God's love to come to you!</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS Merry Christmas! What we've waited for is here! God with us. His love shows up in Jesus. Share what Christ's birth means to you!</p>	<p>SHARE YOUR ADVENTURE STORIES AND PHOTOS! #CSPADVENTURES</p>			