



# The Names of JESUS ADVENT CANDLE AND CALENDAR CRAFT

## INSTRUCTIONS

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### You'll need:

- 5 candles (3 purple + 1 rose + 1 white)
- Styrofoam wreath (large enough that all of your candles fit inside)
- Wide Ribbon (green, red or white)
- Pins
- Black & White Printer
- White, red and green paper — Or, use all white paper and color your poinsettias and leaves with marker. Up to you! Decorate them all as a family and cut them in prep.
- Scissors
- Markers or colored pencils

*Tip: Do you want to have this special wreath in your bedroom? Use electric candles to keep it safe!*

### To prepare:

- Wrap your styrofoam wreath in a wide ribbon. Secure with pins or hot glue.
- Place candles in the center of the wreath. The center candle is the “Christ Candle,” and you won’t light this candle until Christmas Eve.
- Print out one copy of the prayers and instructions.
- Print out enough copies of the leaves and flowers so you have 14 of each (for a total of 28). You will most likely not need all 28 shapes.

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## SUNDAYS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC. 24TH)

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Start using your Advent Wreath on the 1st Sunday of Advent. In 2017, the 1st Sunday of Advent occurs on December 3.

At dinner, gather around the wreath as a family to add a flower, light a candle and pray the blessing for the day! Remember a Bible, your paper flower and a pin, and a match to light your candle.

### Advent Prayer:

O God, as light comes from this candle,  
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,  
warming our hearts and brightening our way.  
May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness  
of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming.  
*Amen.*

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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- Cut out a poinsettia flower and write “Wisdom of God” on it.
- Pin the flower to the wreath.
- Read **Isaiah 11:1-2**
- As you light **1 purple candle** (the “Wisdom” candle), read the Advent Prayer (see above).
- Sing together (to the tune of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*):

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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- Cut out a poinsettia flower and write “Key of David” on it.
- Pin the flower to the wreath.
- Read **Revelation 3:7-8**
- As you light **2 purple candles** (“Wisdom” and “Key of David”), read the Advent Prayer (see above).
- Sing together:

O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death’s abode.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

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“Gaudete” (Gow-day-tay) means “Rejoice!”

- Cut out a poinsettia flower and write “Radiant Dawn” on it.
- Pin the flower to the wreath.
- Read **Isaiah 9:1-2**
- As you light **2 purple candles** and **1 rose pink candle**, read the Advent Prayer (see above).
- **Sing together:**

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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- Cut out a poinsettia flower and write “King of All Nations” on it.
- Pin the flower to the wreath.
- Read **Revelation 15:2-4**
- As you light all **3 purple candles** and **1 rose pink candle**, read the prayer.
- **Sing together:**

O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24TH)

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- Cut out a poinsettia flower and write “Emmanuel: God With Us” on it.
- Pin the flower to the wreath.
- Read **Isaiah 7:10-14**
- As you light **all 5 candles**, including the **Christ Candle** (the middle one):

### Read the following prayer:

Almighty God, strengthen the resolve of your faithful people to prepare for the coming of your Christ by works of justice and mercy, so that when we go forth to meet Him He may call us to sit at his right hand and possess the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### Then sing together:

O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

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# BONUS MATERIAL!!

## WEEKDAYS DURING ADVENT (MONDAY - SATURDAY)

Do you want to add more flowers and leaves on weekdays too? Here are some of the beautiful Names of Jesus. Every day, write a new one on a flower, leaf, or shape and add it to your wreath. To learn more about each name, look up the Bible verse!

### 1ST WEEK OF ADVENT:

- Monday:** King of Kings (Psalm 47)
- Tuesday:** Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1-4)
- Wednesday:** Son of the Father (Matthew 11:25-27)
- Thursday:** Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5)
- Friday:** Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- Saturday:** Image of the Father (John 14:9-10)

### 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT:

- Monday:** Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- Tuesday:** Anointed Savior (Matthew 16:15-17)
- Wednesday:** True Vine (John 15:1-5)
- Thursday:** Sun of Justice (Isaiah 60:1-3)
- Friday:** The Way (John 14:5-7)
- Saturday:** The Truth (John 8:31-32)

### 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT:

- Monday:** Life & Resurrection (John 11:25-27)
- Tuesday:** Love Incarnate (1 John 3:16)
- Wednesday:** Light of the World (John 8:12)
- Thursday:** Living Word (John 1:1-5)
- Friday:** Lamb of God (John 1:35-37)
- Saturday:** Son of God (1 John 5:20)

### 4TH WEEK OF ADVENT:

You may not need to use this whole week, because different Advents have different numbers of days in them. On December 24th, Christmas Eve, it's time to light the **Christ Candle!**

- Monday:** Son of Mary (Luke 1:26-33)
- Tuesday:** Foster-Son of Joseph (Matthew 1:20)
- Wednesday:** Door of the Sheep (John 10:7-10)
- Thursday:** Amen of the Father (Revelation 22:20)
- Friday:** Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:1-5)
- Saturday:** Joy of the World (John 15:9-11)

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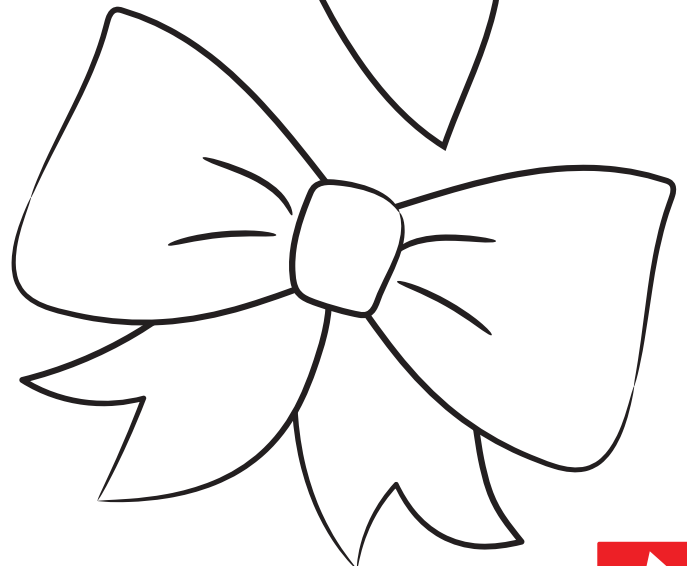
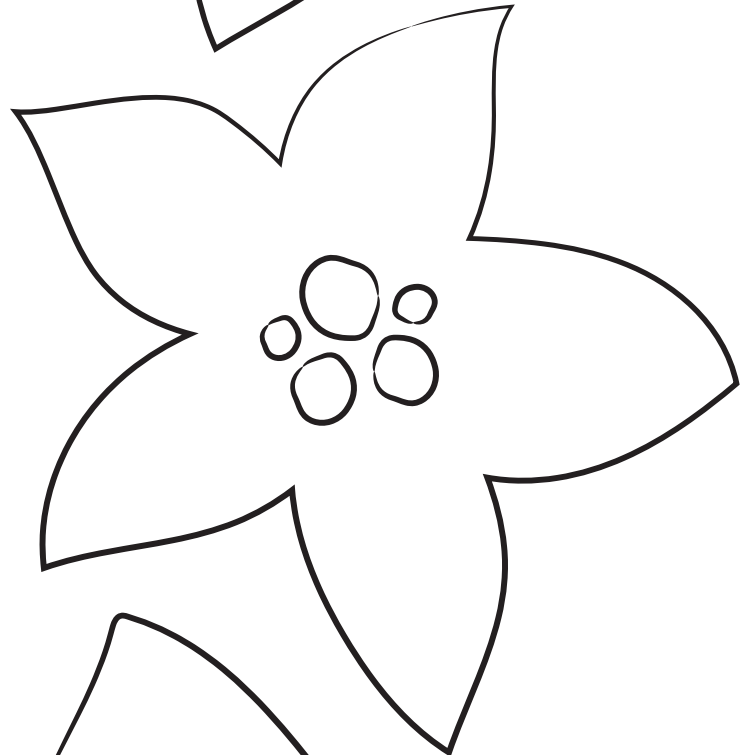
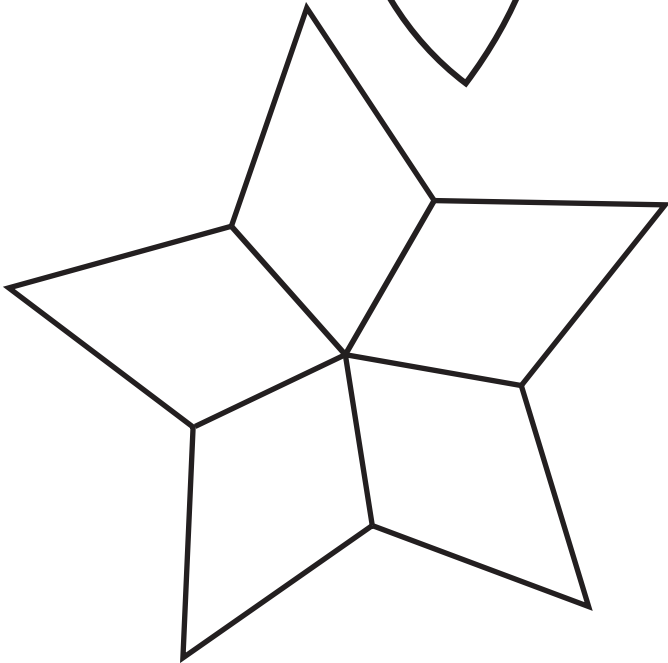
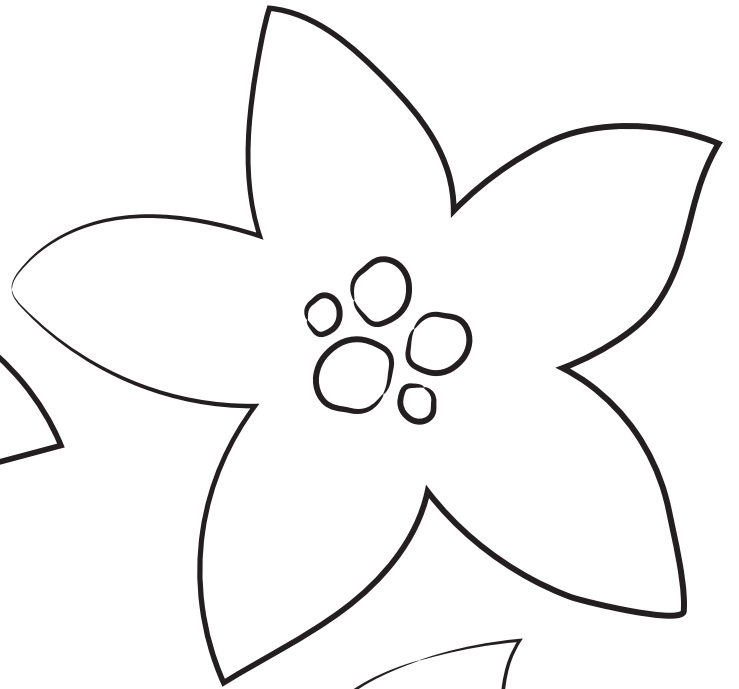
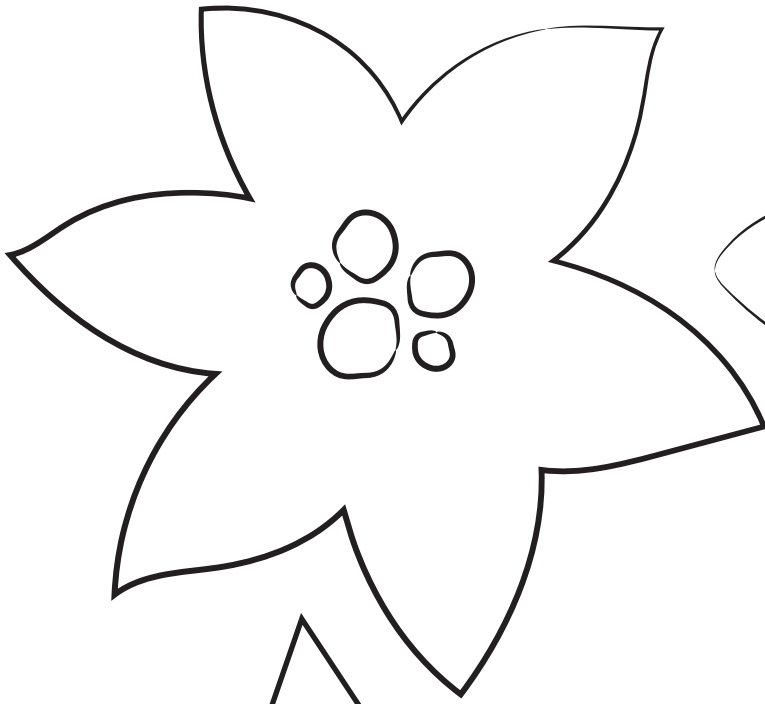




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