

Daily Facebook/Instagram Challenge:

Each day read your devotion, then mark your challenge with a photo and post it with the hashtag! #MBCadvent and tag our church if possible, on Facebook @monumentsbaptist

Try to include the Day # and a brief description of what your family learned. Let's spread Joy and Hope in this bleak year 2020!

Day 1: Take a family photo together or draw a family tree and take a photo of it.

Day 2: Make a "life preserver" for the birds to remind your children about the importance of redemption. Take Cheerios and dye some with red food coloring in a Ziploc bag by shaking them in it and then laying them on a paper towel to dry. Alternate red and normal Cheerios on string or chenille wire into a circle shape. Take a photo of your project hanging outside to feed the birds!

Day 3: Take a neighbor or community member cookies, presents, or items they need to help them! Take a photo of the gift/box/package you send them.

Day 4: Draw a picture of a time you had to wait and be patient. Share the photo online.

Day 5: Have your child draw the birth of Christ or video them telling the story of the birth of Christ.

Day 6: Video your family singing "Away in a Manger" or go out and study the stars, take a photo or find one online to show what you learned about the Magi following a star.

Day 7: Write Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas on paper and let your kids decorate it. Post it online.

Day 8: Make a list of names Jesus was called and post the list or video your child answering one way they can celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Day 9: Watch, then share the link to "The 3 Circles" by No Place Left from YouTube online. And/or share the link to "Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong Worship.

Day 10: Make a box of pudding as a family. While waiting, talk about how hard it is to wait for something you really want. Talk about how long the Magi had to wait to see Jesus. Take a photo of your family enjoying their pudding snack.

Day 11: Video or take a photo of your family praying together.

Day 12: Video or type out the response to the question you ask your children, Why do we talk about Jesus at Christmas?

Day 13: Sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" on video as a family or dress up and pretend to be a shepherd celebrating the birth of Jesus. (You could also take photo of the shepherd from your manger scene)

Day 14: Sing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" together as a family or dress like an angel or take a photo of an angel from online or the manger scene.

Day 15: Make a list of how your family can bring joy to the community throughout this coming year. Share your list online.

Day 16: Sing "O Holy Night" as a family or share a version of the song your family likes.

Day 17: Make up hand motions to remember Matthew 22:37-39 and video doing them or share <https://youtu.be/hlvRafB07Rc> .

Day 18: As a family, memorize Psalm 56:3. Make a chart and share it to mark off each day to practice it until you memorize it.

Day 19: Have your child draw what they think of when they hear the word Love!

Day 20: Sing "This Little Light of Mine" as a family or share a version from online and/or make/buy a Christmas candle for someone that needs the gift of Jesus. Give them the candle and pray for them to know Jesus. Post a photo of the candle.

Day 21: Have one person take a paper and set a 2 min timer to write down what every family member thinks of when they hear "hope", then again for "faith", and finally for "love". Share your list.

Day 22: Dress like a Magi/post a photo of one from the manger scene or post your favorite way to worship God.

Day 23: Sing or listen to "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" as a family.

Day 24: Make a get well soon card for someone in your neighborhood or our church to tell them about Jesus. Post a picture of your card.

Day 25: Find a way to celebrate Jesus' birthday today during all your family plans. Post a photo of you making time to remember and celebrate his birthday.