



Growing
FAITH
at home

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

YEAR A

Advent is a
season for
waiting and
watching



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Share about a time when you were waiting for something or someone to come.
2. Jesus asks his followers to be ready as he could return at any time (Matthew 24:42). How do we stay ready for Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

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| S | Matthew 24:36-44 | The day and hour unknown |
| M | Matthew 24:1-14 | Don't be deceived |
| T | Matthew 24:23-35 | The end is coming |
| W | Matthew 24:45-51 | The faithful servant |
| T | Isaiah 2:1-5 | The mountain of the Lord |
| F | Romans 13:11-14 | The day is near |
| S | Psalms 122 | A song of ascents |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

so always be ready, because you don't
know the day your Lord will come.

MATTHEW 24:42



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Make a paper chain with a link for each day of December up to Christmas Day. Write one of the instructions listed below on each link. Remove a link each day and do what it says:

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| 1. Share: "What gives you peace?" | 13. Tell the nativity story to each other |
| 2. Share: "What gives you joy?" | 14. Prepare Christmas cards to give out |
| 3. Share: "What gives you hope?" | 15. Read Isaiah 7:14 |
| 4. Share compliments with each other | 16. Sing another Christmas carol |
| 5. Read Jeremiah 33:14-16 | 17. Do deeds of service for each other |
| 6. Share hugs with one another | 18. Share a Christmas food |
| 7. Share good Christmas memories | 19. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 |
| 8. Read Isaiah 11:1-3 | 20. Go for a walk together |
| 9. Play a game together | 21. Draw a Christmas picture together |
| 10. Sing a Christmas carol | 22. Read Luke 1:26-38 |
| 11. Share what you like about Christmas | 23. Read Matthew 1:18-24 |
| 12. Read Micah 5:2-4 | 24. Read Luke 2:1-7 |



ACTION RESPONSE

Make a time to bake Christmas biscuits together. Using cellophane and ribbon, tie the biscuits into parcels to give away to friends and neighbours. Add a Bible verse for the Christmas season.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please bless our Advent eating and our Advent waiting. Give us hearts that are ready and faith that is steady. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, keep us awake in our faith, always ready for you to return. Amen.



BLESSING

May you wait and watch for Jesus. May your faith burn bright each and every day.