


# ADVENT CALENDAR 2017

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
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Advent is taken from an old Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" and is considered to be the beginning of our Church Year. This is the time of year when we wait for the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December this year, and ends on Christmas Eve, 24th December. For most Christians, the season is one of anticipation and hope. During Advent, remember to be kind, to share with others and to pray for children around the world!

**1** Kindness is contagious - pass it on!




**2** Make Christmas decorations for the tree at home



**3** Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Light the 1<sup>st</sup> purple candle today




**4** Try to have 15 minutes of silence with your eyes closed (don't fall asleep!)



**5** Hold the door open for the person coming in behind you




**6** Read a nice story for an elderly relative




**7** Prepare a crib for the coming of Baby Jesus



**8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception We celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus today - say a 'Hail Mary'



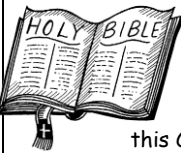
**9** Say 'Thank You' to the people in your house who look after you every day




**10** Second Sunday of Advent. Light two purple candles



**11** Say a prayer for missionaries working away from home this Christmas



**14** Give up your seat to an elderly person on the bus




**15** Tidy away your toys




**14** Be very polite today

Thank you  
Yes please  
Excuse me



**15** Pray for people who look after children




**16** Time to make the house shiny & clean for Christmas



**17** Third Sunday of Advent. Light two purple candles and the pink candle




**18** Draw a picture or make a gift to give to Baby Jesus




**19** Say 'Bless You' when someone sneezes




**20** Help someone in need by giving some pocket money to charity



**21** Place the picture or gift you made for Jesus beside the crib



**22** Say 'Thank You' to your teacher for 2017




**23** Read the story of the first Christmas Luke 2: 1-14



**24** Fourth Sunday of Advent. Light three purple candles and the pink candle



**25** Today is Christmas Day! WELCOME BABY JESUS!  
Light all the candles today - three purple, one pink and one white candle



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