

Advent Devotional Daily Guide

**Under the Bethlehem Star**

*where we remember that we belong to God and we belong to one another.*

***We belong to God...***

Gather at your Jesse Tree and find today's ornament and read its scripture together. Talk about the member of God's family and their story together.

Pray together -

*Gracious God,*

*Thank you for being our God*

*and for the lineage of hope, peace, love and joy*

*we are a part of because of you.*

*We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_'s life -*

*allow his/her story to shape our story.*

*Just as they helped bring your son Jesus into the world,*

*use us to bring Christ's hope, peace, love and joy into the world today.*

**AMEN**

Having remembered that we belong to God, then turn to remember

***We belong to one another...***

Go to your pantry or cabinets and find the item on our food pantry devotional list to offer up that day. Bring it to the advent tree and place it there or in your collection box. Take time to name something you are grateful for (to God and/or with one another) and then pray for people or situations on you/your families mind and heart, as well as the person who will receive this food.

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ this day.*

*We know that there are people in our world who are*

*hungry, hurting, worried, or sad this day.*

*We pray for them (name any specific prayer requests you/your family are holding).*

*We offer up this food to you and to whomever needs it.*

*We pray for them today - that they might be fed and might feel your love.*

*Thank you for allowing us to share of what we have with one another.*

*We love you.*

**AMEN**

## **Jesse Tree Devotional Daily Guide**

December 1st | The Jesse Tree - Where Love Resides

*Isaiah 11:1-5*

December 2nd | God - Created by Love

*Genesis 1:26-31*

December 3rd | Adam and Eve - God's Looking for You

*Genesis 3:1-8*

December 4th | Noah - God's Tears

*Genesis 6:8, 11-22*

December 5th | Abraham - Count the Stars

*Genesis 12:1-8 and 15:5-6*

December 6th | Sarah - The Gift of Laughter

*Genesis 21:1-7*

December 7th | Issac - Here I Am

*Genesis 22:13-18*

*(Issac's story has difficult themes for children to take in, so we've edited the selection to be more child-friendly youth and adults can read the full story 22:1-18)*

December 8th | Jacob - Climbing Up

*Genesis 28:10-17*

December 9th | Joseph - Surprise Gifts

*Genesis 50:15-21*

*(Joseph's siblings mistreated him when they were young and fear Joseph will hold this against them now that their father is gone- this is a story of forgiveness).*

December 10th | Moses - Ten Love Rules

*Deuteronomy 5:28-29, 6:1-9*

December 11th | Rahab - The Red Rope

*Joshua 2:1-21 and 6:22-25*

December 12th | Ruth - The Little Things

*Ruth 1:1-18*

December 13th | David - Looking at Things Inside Out

*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

December 14th | Isaiah - A Candle in the Darkness

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

December 15th | Elijah - Bowing Down

*1 Kings 18:17-24, 36-39*

December 16th | Jonah - Turning Around

*Jonah 1:1-17, 2:10, and 3:1-2*

December 17th | Bethlehem's Promised Ruler - A True Fairy Tale

*Micah 5:2-5*

December 18th | Esther - A Bridge to the King

*Esther 4:10-17*

*(The Jewish people are being persecuted by one of the king's officials,  
Esther who is a Jew close to the King, is asked to risk her life to save her people)*

December 19th | Habakkuk - Watch and Wait

*Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-2*

December 20th | Elizabeth - God Remembers

*Luke 1:5-17*

December 21st | John the Baptist - Thunder in the Desert

*Matthew 3:1-6*

December 22nd | Mary - Wide-Awake Dreams

*Luke 1:26-38*

December 23rd | Joseph - He Can't Stay Away

*Matthew 1:18-24*

December 24th | Jesus - Kneel at the Manger

*Luke 2:1-7*

December 25th | Christmas Day - Never-Ending Christmas

*Luke 2:8-20*

## **Advent Food Drive**

To benefit the Spring Hill Food Pantry

December 1st - two cans of green beans  
December 2nd - can of cream of mushroom soup  
December 3rd - can of fried onions  
December 4th - can of sweet potatoes  
December 5th - bag of mini marshmallows  
December 5th - box/packet of instant mashed potatoes  
December 6th - box of stuffing mix  
December 7th - can of chicken broth  
December 8th - \$2.00 for crescent rolls (we will purchase perishable items)  
December 9th - cranberry sauce  
December 10th - one can of canned pumpkin  
December 11th - one can of evaporated milk  
December 12th - \$3.00 for unbaked pie crust (we will purchase perishable items)  
December 13th - 1 jar of applesauce  
December 14th - Shells and Cheese Mix  
December 15th - one box of crackers  
December 16th - one of can of hearty soup  
December 17th - one can of raviolis  
December 18th - one can of tuna  
December 19th - one can refried beans  
December 20th - one box of macaroni and cheese  
December 21st - one jar marinara sauce  
December 22nd - one package of spaghetti  
December 23rd - one jar of peanut butter  
December 24th - one can of spaghetti's

Bring your items each week to worship on Sunday. We'll be taking one collection on December 16th that will include all the Christmas Dinner sides. We'll take the other collection of more general items after the holidays.

We're also accepting donations that will be used to purchase more of these items along with a potential Christmas treat for the children of families who use the pantry.