

# ABSOLUTELY ADVENT!

GETTING READY  
FOR CHRISTMAS  
2018 ★

For Primary Grades



# Welcome to **ABSOLUTELY ADVENT!**

**During Advent we are getting ready for something special.** We might need to make some changes in our lives. They don't have to be big changes. See what happens when you make two small changes to the word **ADVENT**.

- 1 Drop the A from the word **ADVENT**. Then replace the **D** with an **E**. Write the new word here.

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- 2 Do you know what that new word means?



It can describe any of these: birthday party, school picnic, parade, Super Bowl, AND MANY MORE

- 3 Think about it! During Advent, we get our spirits ready for a big event. Fill in the missing vowels in this word to find the name of the big event.

**C H R \_ \_ S T M \_ \_ S**

- 4 Now, think of a change you could make this Advent to get your spirit ready for Jesus to come. You might stop arguing with your sister or brother. You might say an extra prayer each day. You might think of a new way to help others. Write what change you will try to make this Advent.

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As you complete the activity on each day of Advent, **DRAW A STAR** on the calendar on page 32. When the calendar is full, the big event will be here!

# Levi, the Nosy Lamb

[ PART 1 ]



The little town of Nazareth  
was hardly known at all.  
Folks there lived in humble homes,  
some big but mostly small.

A man named Ira tended sheep  
out in the fields nearby.  
His smallest lamb was Levi,  
a lively scamp, Oh my!

The children of the little town  
thought Levi was such fun.  
They played their games of hide and seek,  
and Levi always won!

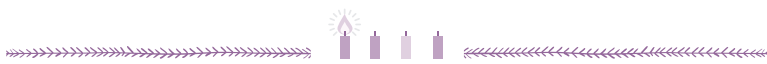
But when the children were in school,  
Levi liked to roam.  
He'd sneak into the little town  
and peek inside each home.

He told himself this was okay,  
he wasn't causing harm.  
He was always home again  
before Ira got alarmed.

Although he used this sneaky way  
to hear the news in town,  
Levi was the one to ask  
about what was going on.

So as these Advent weeks unfold,  
let Levi lead the way,  
and you'll find out why Nazareth  
is a famous place today.





# FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 2

★ Today's Gospel » LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36 ★

*Jesus told the people, "Be alert at all times.  
Pray to be strong and always ready to meet God" (21:36).*



**Read each situation below.**

Then choose which action you should take to be better prepared next time.

You can miss a lot of FUN if you aren't ready. Don't be left out.  
**Be prepared.**



## Situation

1

\_\_\_\_\_ Your ride is outside honking.  
You aren't dressed yet.

2

\_\_\_\_\_ You have a spelling test today.  
You try to memorize the word list on the way to school.

3

\_\_\_\_\_ Oh, no! You've overslept again.

4

\_\_\_\_\_ Your dance recital is tomorrow.  
You can't remember the steps.

5

\_\_\_\_\_ God hasn't heard from you lately  
and calls to ask how you are.

## You should have...



A

studied during the week

B

practiced more

C

set an alarm clock

D

prayed more often

E

picked out your clothes last night



## December 3

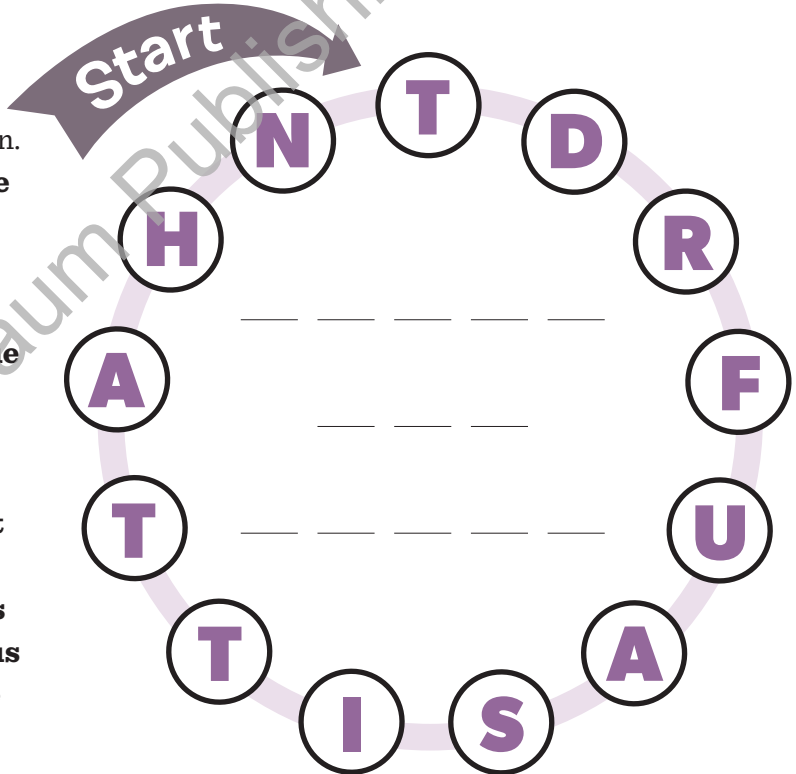
*A centurion came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my servant is paralyzed and in terrible pain." Jesus said, "I will come and cure him" (8:5-7).*



Today is  
the feast  
of **SAINT  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER.**

How happy the centurion must have felt when Jesus said, “I will come.” Yet, the centurion told Jesus NOT to come! He believed in Jesus so much that he told him, “You don’t have to come to my house. Just say the word and my servant will be healed.”

This story teaches us an important lesson. **Begin with the T and write every other letter on the lines. Continue until you've used all the letters. You'll discover what two things we need for Jesus to come help us like he did the centurion.**





# FIRST THURSDAY of ADVENT

December 6

★ Today's Gospel » MATTHEW 7:21, 24-27 ★

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (7:21).*

Just saying you believe in God will not get you into heaven. You must live your life the way God wants you to. **Here are some ways you can do God's will. Find and circle them in the Word Search.**

Today is the feast of **SAINT NICHOLAS**. He was a kind and generous bishop. Some people today call him Santa Claus.



SHARE  
BELIEVE  
RESPECT  
BE KIND  
TELL TRUTH  
DON'T STEAL  
FEED HUNGRY  
PLAY FAIR  
HELP POOR  
PRAY

R	Z	R	I	A	F	Y	A	L	P
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