## **Parents Guide to Advent Calendar**

This guide is offered to help you and your child enjoy the advent season together. You can rearrange many of the days if necessary due to your schedule. Some prep may be needed to make or do some of the activities. Enjoy!

- November 30 Make a paper chain with 25 links. you might want to use different color paper. Countdown to Christmas by tearing off a link each day.
- December 1 Wikipedia is a good source to find meaning and symbolism of Advent Wreath
- December 3 Emphasize Santa's giving nature and love for all. If old enough you can refer to St Nicholas as a real person.
- December 5 Any jar will do. It can be decorated. if able cut a slot in lid to drop in prayers. Each night your child can drop in a prayer, blessing or thanksgiving
- December 8 Bag can be dropped off at the church office or Food Pantry
- December 9 Share the story of the poinsettia.
- December 10 What names can you come up with? https://bibleresources.org/names-of-jesus/
- December 11 Zoom Christmas Party. Fun for all. Watch email for invite
- December 15 Share the story of the candy cane.
- December 16 Many coloring pages can be found online to be printed out
- December 17 <a href="https://vimeo.com/8405775">https://vimeo.com/8405775</a> The last line says "All of our hopes had come down to this child!" Talk about what hope does Jesus offer. (Forgiveness, heaven, love...)
- December 23 You could watch the whole video or just Linus' speech https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOofCTbv96s