

ADVENT CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

Turn December into a month-long celebration with these fun Advent calendar activities. Pick your 24 favorites and put each one in an individual numbered envelope, or simply fold them, put them in a jar, and draw one card per day. Get more details on each idea at www.mycuprunsover.ca/advent-calendar-activities-kids

ADVENT WREATH

Gather a few sprigs from a cedar or pine tree and arrange them on a platter or cake stand. Add pinecones if you like. In the centre, place four white or purple candles. Light one candle each week and discuss advent.

BIBLE READING

Do a weekly Bible reading. Try:

1. Isaiah 9
2. Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-6
3. Luke 2:8-12
4. Luke 2:13-20

WRAPPING PAPER

Make your own wrapping paper. We like to get a big roll of white or Kraft paper and create designs with sponges or stamps that are easily repeated.

SNOWFLAKES

Make paper snowflakes.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

Drive around your neighborhood at night to view Christmas lights. Put pajamas on first for an easier bedtime when you get home. (With any luck, they'll fall asleep in the car!

MOVIE NIGHT

Watch a favourite Christmas movie.

GAMES NIGHT

Have a family games night. Here are some fun game ideas.

PUZZLE

Do a puzzle together. This is my top choice for a perfect Christmas season family puzzle.

WRITE TO FAMILY

Write a family update letter and send it to family and friends, with or without a Christmas card. Our kids love to make their own cards for each person. This is another great way to keep them busy, as long as you don't set the bar too high.

MAKE GIFTS

Make DIY Christmas Gifts. Load up on ideas: www.mycuprunsover.ca/100-diy-gifts-handmade-christmas-gift-guide/. For particularly easy options, try #16, 24, 47, 81, 82, 88, and 90.

CHARADES

Play Christmas carol charades. To make it easy, print out a list of Christmas songs and cut them into strips that participants can pull out of a hat.

DANCE PARTY

Throw on your favorite Christmas playlist and let everyone get tired out dancing around the living room.