2026 Wilshire Family Advent Activity Calendar

A Prayer for Advent

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As we wait for the birth of Jesus, we pause and think about what we want this season to be:

a season of hope, a season of peace,
a season of joy, a season of love,
a season of family togetherness,
a season of reflection.



Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
Romans 8:25



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Make a list of 5 things you want to do together as a family during the Christmas season.	When you decorate the tree, tell stories about where some of your favorite ornaments came from.	Keep an Advent memory box or jar by writing down one thing that happens each day. Revisit your memories at the start of Advent next year.	Save your change in a jar. At the end of the season, give it to a local charity or shelter.	Make a luminary to put in your window so that you remember that Jesus is the light of the world.	Create a sacred space with a nativity scene or prayer basket.

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Matthew 5:9



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bake some Christmas goodies and share them with a friend or neighbor.	Establish an annual family Christmas activity ritual.	As you receive Christmas cards from friends and family, find a time to pray for them.	Write a thank you letter to someone who is a peacemaker.	Plant some seeds or bulbs and watch them grow.	Enjoy some hot chocolate together and verbalize your gratitude.

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Luke 2:10



Monday
Pick up trash on a walk through your neighborhood.

Tuesday
Hold the door open for others.

Wednesday
Give the gift of your time to someone who needs help.

Thursday
Do three things to make someone smile without telling them.

Friday
Have a game night with your family.

Saturday
Get in the car and drive around looking at Christmas lights.

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

We love because God first loved us.
I John 4:19



Monday
Watch a Christmas movie in your pajamas.

Tuesday
Read a Christmas story together before bedtime.

Wednesday
Spend an evening being creative together as a family--coloring, sewing, painting, making cards, etc. Each person can create something unique.

Thursday
CHRISTMAS EVE
Attend a Christmas Eve service together. (The family service at Wilshire is at 4pm.)

Friday
CHRISTMAS DAY
Read the Christmas story: Luke 2:1-20



Saturday
Make a starry sky with your prayer requests. Get a blue poster board and cut out white stars. Write a joy or concern on each star and add it to the sky.

Sunday
Read I Corinthians 13 and talk about what love is and how Jesus showed it.

Monday
Before New Year's Day, use leftover wrapping paper, boxes, and ribbon to make decorations for the new year or create a family masterpiece.

Tuesday
Reflect on the upcoming year: What is one way that you can show kindness to others?

Wednesday
Read the story of the wise men: Matthew 2:1-12

Thursday
Have a sparkling juice toast and celebrate with a balloon drop before bed.

Friday
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Start a gratitude journal for the new year. Each day, write 3 things you are grateful for.

Wednesday Night Live resumes January 6, 2027!

5pm Family Dinner in Community Hall
6pm Preschool Music & More and KidConnect