

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

FAMILY GUIDE



READ: Psalm 111

SAY: Think of it, God has given us air to breathe right this minute, a heart that beats every second, beautiful mountains, rushing rivers, growing gardens, a baby's bright eyes, the laughter of a child – all of these things beautiful gifts from a creative God.



And He placed in us a desire to explore and respond to His beauty and His creativity. This encounter with God draws us into an expression called worship. We relate back to God through our work and play, rest and pain, hurried chaos and silence. Categories of where and how and when are broken apart as we see more of Christ in everything and respond to Him in the big and small moments throughout our day.

When the baby King arrived, the angels responded in a massive outburst of joy in front of the shepherds, The Wisemen came with their huge caravan from far away to bow down before Him, and for 2,000 years people have celebrated His first coming at the same time that they waited for His return. This year it's your turn to Worship Fully.

You see, Christmas is about so much more than a fun day of parties, and gifts, it's about a King who came to show us the way home, fill us with His Spirit, and welcome us back into His family. So the hope is that we use all of the Christmas merriment to remind us of Him, to remind us that we're going home to be with Him, face-to-face. We won't carry our Christmas bags, or our cool new stuff with us. We'll carry the memories of how we participated in His adventures, how we watched for Him, and how He revealed what He was up to in our lives and the lives of the neighbors we served along the way.

ASK:

- What do you enjoy most about Jesus the King?
- What do you wonder about Him?
- How are you seeing differently this Advent season?

PRACTICE: Use this little template below as a family worship experience! Dim the lights and light some candles to calm everyone. Keep things fun!

SAY: ISAIAH 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Wonderful Counselor: Let's thank Jesus for how He is the best counselor. *(Draw a picture of something difficult that He is helping you with or that you're waiting on.)*

Mighty God: Let's tell His story to each other. *(Write names of God or draw fun pictures of stories you remember that show His power.)*

Prince of "Setting everything Right": Let's brainstorm some serving. *(Talk about what ways this season He has involved you in "setting things right" in the lives of people around you and thank Him for it! What are some other things you'll be doing to help the poor or lonely?)*

Let's sing the song "Joy to the World" and remember what He's doing to bring peace.

SAY: So Advent, and the final Christmas day celebration is just a tiny little start. A yearly moment that sets a pattern for what we care about, think about and hope for. It reveals what our hearts are after, and reminds us what Jesus is after.

So, may you worship Jesus more this season. May you care for others in new ways. May you spend less, give more, love all, and worship fully!

