



Lighting the candles of Advent is a centuries-old tradition throughout the church. It's a chance to reflect on the meaning of the season. It comes from the Latin word for "arrival" - adventus - and is celebrated in various ways, from the traditional advent wreath to a fun countdown to Christmas. (We do both in our home!)

Over the next month, take time each week and countdown to Christmas. Also, while Sundays are the traditional day to light these candles, we aren't going to worry about the day of the week. We hope you enjoy celebrating advent with your family!

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print and cut on the dotted line.
2. Place a tea-light on each circle.
3. Gather your family and follow the advent blog post each week.
  - a. Read or give a summary of the suggested passage from the Bible or use [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)
  - b. Color the corresponding ornament and choose a conversation starter or two to use while you color
  - c. Light the candle
  - d. Pray together (optional)



