



Christmas is a season filled with anticipation. From the very beginning, the world was waiting for a promised Rescuer to come and make things right with God. At Christmas, we look forward to opening presents and being with family. Most of all, we can't wait to celebrate Jesus, the One who came to fulfill that promise.

Lighting the candles of Advent is a centuries-old tradition throughout the church. It's a chance to reflect on significance of the season and look forward to celebrating Jesus. Here's a simple way to create your own advent tradition. Over the next month, take time each Sunday and countdown to Christmas. Pause and remember the Christmas story. Celebrate how God sent Jesus to be our Savior.

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut along the dotted line.
2. Place a tea-light candle on each circle.
3. Gather as a family and follow the prompts from the Christmas Countdown:
 - Read the passage from the Bible and the short devotional.
 - Discuss the questions together.
 - Light a candle to mark the week.
 - Pray and thank God for each week of Advent and the anticipation of celebrating Jesus.