

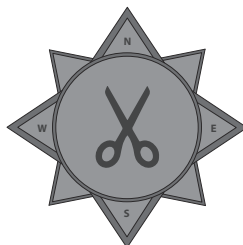


MAKE AN ADVENT CALENDAR

“Granny Scruffbear showed me her Advent calendar,” Roland told Jasper. “I think I’m going to make one this year.”

“That’s a great idea,” Jasper said. “I usually make one with envelopes. Since I’m getting older, I might ask my parents if I can try something different.”

Balthazar came along and asked, “Do you guys know why we have Advent calendars?”



EARN THIS NUGGET

Trailblazers: Make a Countdown Chalkboard Plate to chalk the days of December until Christmas Day

Rockhoppers & Cragman: Try making an advent calendar with envelopes. See the instructions at the end of the lesson.

“It’s a way to get more presents?” Jasper asked.

“No.” Balthazar explained. “Advent is the days before Christmas. Most children are so excited for Christmas to get here, they ask over and over if it’s here yet. It is one way to count the days from December 1 until Christmas Day.

“Not all Advent calendars have gifts in them. Some have Bible verses. Others have Christmas and winter pictures. And some people write a poem with 24 lines. One line is read each day until Christmas when the whole poem is read.”

“Granny Scruffbear’s Advent calendar has pictures for each day.” Roland told the others.

“Some families use the same calendar every year. Other families make a new one. And some families have one calendar for each member of the family.” Balthazar went on. “An Advent calendar can be special for your family.”

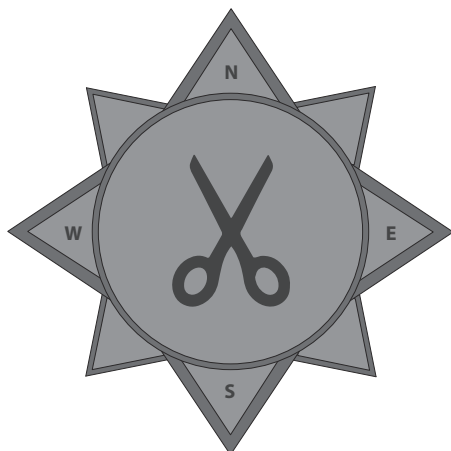
“Thanks, Balthazar. I’m going to go start on my family’s calendar. See ya later, Guys.” Roland waved as he ran home.



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Advent Envelopes

1. Ask your parents for 25 small envelopes.
2. Make some fun coupons, like get a hug, watch a Christmas movie, read a book to the family. Think of fun things your family likes to do.
3. Put a coupon in each envelope and seal the envelope.
4. Decorate the outside and be sure to number them 1 to 25.
5. Hang the envelopes on a piece of yarn or set them on a shelf.
6. A different member of the family can open an envelope each day.



Countdown Chalk Board

1. Create a board that you can have a countdown to Christmas Day.
2. I like to use a Black board, my favorite is to decorate an old plate and paint the center with blackboard paint and hang that up over Christmas for the great countdown.



Resources

<http://www.parents.com/holiday/christmas/crafts/best-advent-calendars/>
<https://welcometothefamilytable.com/homemade-advent-calendars/>
<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/homemade-advent-calendars>