

ADVENT TREE

*Family Devotions and Activities
To Keep your Christmas Season Meaningful*



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December 1st

Read:

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Talk:

- Does anyone know what Alpha and Omega mean? *Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, just like A and Z are in our alphabet.*
- What do you think Jesus meant when He said He was the Alpha and Omega (A and Z)?
- We began our lives when we first start to grow inside our mothers belly. When did Jesus begin? *He did not have a beginning, He always was!*

Memorize:

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Pray:

Jesus, You have always been here and always will be, forever and ever. It is hard to understand and imagine, but we believe you. You are awesome and mighty. We love you, Lord. Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #1 for the ornament with the Alpha and Omega symbol. Hang this on your advent tree.

Watch:

Chris Tomlin: Glory in the Highest

<http://youtu.be/kCEAr11GoY>

December 2nd

Read:

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Talk:

- Who is the Word? *Jesus, who is God*
- What do these verses tell us about Him?

Memorize:

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Pray:

Dear God, you are powerful and huge. You created everything, yet you chose to become a little baby. Thank you for coming to live with us here on earth so we can know you. Thank you for speaking to us through your Word, the Bible. We love you. Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #2 for the ornament with the Bible (God's Word) pictured on it. Hang this on your advent tree.

Watch:

In the Beginning was the Word

<http://youtu.be/EYJrBAd43x4>

December 3rd

Read:

Colossians 1:15-16

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Talk:

- Who is “the image of the invisible God?” *Jesus*
- What did Jesus create?

Memorize:

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Pray:

Dear Jesus, You created everything. You are so powerful. I look around and see all the wonderful things that You have made and I want to worship you! In Your name, Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #3 for the ornament with all the planets pictured on it. Hang this on your advent tree.

Watch:

Chris Tomlin: Indescribable
<http://youtu.be/7PTvr755V8s>

December 4th

Read:

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Talk:

- When you do something wrong, how do your parents feel and what do they do? Why?
- Ever since the very first people, Adam and Eve, chose to disobey God, we have all chosen to sin and do what we want instead of listening to God. Everyone has a sin problem, even moms and dads. There is a part of us that wants to be in control and call the shots. It's like we're turning our backs on God and walking away. But God wants to be close to us. Did God have a plan to fix this sin problem? What did He do and how can we be close to Him?

Memorize:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Pray:

Father in Heaven, I am sorry for all the times I chose to turn my back on you this week. Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be close to You. Thank you for forgiving me. Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #4 for the ornament with the black heart. The blackness is like the sin in our lives that separates us from God. Jesus came to earth to rescue us from sin and bring us back to God!

Watch:

Jesus Storybook Bible: He's Here

http://youtu.be/E2y2FJqsv_8

December 5th

Read:

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Talk:

- Why are we like sheep? *Sheep are not very smart, they like to wander off. The shepherd has to go after them and keep them from danger.*
- What does “iniquity” mean and who took “the iniquity of us all?” *Iniquity means sin or wrong doing. Jesus took on all our sin. He carried the weight of all the things we have done wrong when he died on the cross for our sin.*

Memorize:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Pray:

Lord Jesus, thank You for rescuing us from sin! Thank you for saving us by lifting the weight of all the bad things we have done. Thank you for saving us from the punishment that we deserved. Thank you Lord, our Rescuer. Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #5 for the ornament with the picture of the cross. Jesus took our sins to the cross so that we could go free. Hang this on your advent tree.

Watch:

Jesus Storybook Bible: Light of the Whole World

<http://youtu.be/4fqMhLApCmA>

December 6th

Read:

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Talk:

- Why did John call Jesus the Lamb of God? *Before Jesus came, people were separated from God. Because they were dirty with sin, they would sacrifice a clean lamb. This lamb did not really take away their sin, but it showed how one day God would send a perfect sacrifice. Killing a lamb was a way to show God they believed His promise to send someone perfect.*

Memorize:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for taking away our sin and making us clean! Amen

Do:

Look in pocket #6 for the picture of the lamb. This reminds us that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away our sins. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Skit Guys: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

<http://youtu.be/VLcTLCCpI5A>

December 7th

Read:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Talk:

- How does God show us love? *He showed us the deepest most amazing love ever when He sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world to die for us. He sent Jesus to rescue us because He loves us, even though it meant Jesus would suffer painfully for us.*
- Do you think it was hard for God to see His son suffer and die? How does your mom or dad feel when you are hurt?

Memorize:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, Thank you for loving us. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus, a perfect sacrifice for our sin, so that we could be close to you. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #7 for the red heart. This reminds us of God's love. Put this on the advent tree.

Watch:

The Beginners Bible: Baby Jesus is Born

<http://youtu.be/29kERg4T9Vc>

December 8th

Read:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Talk:

- Why did God send His Son to the world?
- God loves us so much that He gave us the most wonderful gift, the gift of Jesus. How would you feel to give away your favorite gift? What do you think God wants us to do with the gift He gives us?

Memorize:

1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Pray:

Father God, thank you for sending us the best Christmas present ever! Help us accept your precious gift and share Him with others. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #8 for the picture of the present. This reminds us that Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

A Christmas Carol: Rebecca St James

<http://youtu.be/-cZm7RGiY2Y>

December 9th

Read:

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Talk:

- What is it like to walk in the dark? How does sin make things dark?
- What does light do to the darkness? How is Jesus like the light?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, thank You for being our light in a dark world. You are so good, there is no darkness in You. Help us carry Your light to the people of the world that cannot see. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #9 for the picture of a candle. This reminds us that Jesus brings light into the darkness. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

The Skit Guys: Let Your Light Shine

<http://youtu.be/n4RklxZVfAA>

December 10th

Read:

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Talk:

- Where was the darkness?
- What does this passage tell us about whom Jesus would come to save?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, You are light that has overcome the darkness. Thank You for Your goodness to us. Thank You for coming as our Savior. Thank You for bringing hope to our dark world. Give us courage to share Your light with others who need to see. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #10 for the picture of the sun. This reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Welcome to Our World

<http://youtu.be/PB3Fn-Z7Drc>

December 11th

Read:

Isaiah 49:6b

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Talk:

- Do you know who the Gentiles are that this verse is talking about? What is the name for God's special people? *The children of Israel, the Jews, were God's chosen people. They were Abraham's children and grandchildren. Everyone else were called Gentiles. God promised Abraham wonderful things for his family, the Jews. He also promised Abraham that his family would bring news of salvation to the whole world.*
- God kept His promise! Nearly 2,000 years after Jesus was born, on the other side of the world, we have been told about Jesus! The message of Jesus was shared with us. Jesus wants us to be a light to others. Who can you share the message of Jesus with?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, thank You for spreading the message of salvation all over the world. Thank you for allowing us to hear about it and to be saved. Give us courage to share your message with others and to pass on the good news that we have been saved. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #11 for the picture of a trumpet. This reminds us that the good news of Jesus was shouted all over the world. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

A Social Network Christmas

<http://youtu.be/sghwe4TTY18>

December 12th

Read:

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.

Talk:

- Talk about what each of these names for Jesus mean. Why does Jesus have so many names?
- Which one of God's names is your favorite?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Mighty God, You are our everything. Help us remember just how powerful You are and to know that we can trust You. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #12 for the picture of a dove. This reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Handel's Young Messiah: For Unto Us a Child is Born

<http://youtu.be/e3MVSWIWjek>

*Sorry about the poor quality of this video, it is old, but good! This particular arrangement is wonderful. Make sure kids listen closely to the words.

December 13th

Read:

Isaiah 9:7

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Talk:

- What kind of king is Jesus?
- If you believe and trust in Jesus today, He is your king! How should we treat our King?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, You are my King. Help me to obey You and serve You with my whole heart. I love You. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #13 for the picture of a crown. This reminds us that Jesus is our King and one day He will return to rule over the whole earth. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Mary Did You Know?

<http://youtu.be/XiaZYZor6vI>

December 14th

Read:

Isaiah 40:11

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Talk:

- Who is the Shepherd?
- How does Jesus care for us like a shepherd?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, You are a gentle and kind Shepherd. You protect us and love us even when we get ourselves in trouble. Thank you for caring for us and keeping us safe. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #14 for the picture of a shepherd's staff. This reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Winter Snow: Chris Tomlin and Audrey Assad

<http://youtu.be/xpHiAmL8-b0>

December 15th

Read:

Isaiah 11:1-3

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

Talk:

- Who is the branch coming up from the stump? *Jesus*
- This verse was written many years before Jesus was born, and prophesies about the coming of a Savior from King David's family tree. Matthew 1 and Luke 3:23-31 show that Jesus did come from David's family. What does this show us about how God keeps His promises?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, thank you for keeping Your promises. We know that what You say is true and that we can trust you. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #15 for the picture of the stump with the branch. The stump represents the family of Jesse and David, his son. Jesus is the branch that grew out of their family tree. This reminds us that God keeps His promises. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Matthew's Begats: Andrew Peterson

<http://youtu.be/jOXeUAZjppI>

December 16th

Read:

Micah 5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Talk:

- This verse is talking about Bethlehem. Who is this verse saying will come from Bethlehem?
- Where was Jesus born? *Bethlehem! Read Luke 2:1-4 for more on God's plan.*

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Lord, You planned out every little detail for the birth of Jesus. You knew exactly how it would happen and where. You are an all knowing, all powerful God. We love You and we praise You. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #16 for the picture of the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. This reminds us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem because God had planned it that way. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Keith and Kristyn Getty: Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven

<http://youtu.be/vQJ1zb-HcEk>

December 17th

Read:

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Talk:

- What name was this special baby given? *Immanuel*.
- What does Immanuel mean? *God with us!*
- Why is this a good name for Jesus?

Memorize:

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.

Pray:

Jesus, You are our Lord and Savior. Thank you for being with us all the time. We are never alone. We love You. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #17 for the picture of a manger. This reminds us that God came to earth to be with us. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Jesus and Santa

<http://youtu.be/NStpjQ477HA>

December 18th

Read:

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Talk:

- What message was the Angel Gabrielle bringing to Mary?
- How did Mary respond to this message? How do you think she felt?

Memorize:

Luke 1:37

For nothing is impossible with God.

Pray:

God, You are powerful. Nothing is impossible for You. Thank You for helping me and giving me the strength to accomplish anything You want me to do. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #18 for the picture of Mary, Jesus' mother. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Charlie Brown Christmas

<http://youtu.be/DKk9rv2hUfA>

December 19th

Read:

Matthew 1:20-24

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Talk:

- Do you know what your name means? Maybe your parents had a specific reason for giving you the name they did. Maybe you are named after a family member or a friend. Ask your mom or dad why they chose your name!
- What does Jesus’ name mean? *The Lord Saves*
- Why was this a good name to give such a special baby?

Memorize:

Luke 1:37

For nothing is impossible with God.

Pray:

Jesus, thank You for saving us. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #19 for the picture of a Joseph. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Song of the Stars: Sally Lloyd-Jones

<http://youtu.be/IFbm0wS3rlg>

December 20th

Read:

Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Talk:

- Why do you think God chose for His Son to be born in a cold, smelly stable?
- If you had picked the place for Jesus to be born, where would you have chosen?
- Why do you think God chose for His son to be poor instead of rich?

Memorize:

Luke 1:37

For nothing is impossible with God.

Pray:

Thank You Jesus, for loving us. Thank You for helping us when we are in need. You know what it is like to be lonely and cold, poor and needy. Thank You for being close to us and comforting us when we are sad. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #20 for the picture of the baby Jesus. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

God's Christmas Plan

<http://youtu.be/o8EFEZyLT7k>

December 21st

Read:

Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Talk:

- Shepherds were not considered very important. Why do you think God chose to send the angels to them instead of anyone else?
- How do you think you would have felt if you were out in a dark field at night and saw the sky lit up with singing angels?

Memorize:

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Pray:

God, thank You for loving everyone the same and showing everyone kindness. No matter who I am or who I become, I know you will love me no matter what. I am important to You. You are so loving. Help me to love others the way you love me. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #21 for the picture of an angel. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Happy Birthday, Jesus

<http://youtu.be/Rur534Yzb-g>

December 22nd

Read:

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Talk:

- Why were the shepherds so excited? Have you ever been as excited about Jesus as the shepherds were that night?
- We know what God has done, we know how Jesus was born, we can talk to Jesus every day. Who can we tell about Jesus? The shepherds spread the word about Jesus, how can we spread the word?

Memorize:

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Pray:

Thank You Jesus that we can know you and learn about you in the Bible. Help us feel the excitement of Your birth, just like the shepherds did. Help us spread the word about Your birth to our friends that may not know You. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #22 for the picture of the music note. This reminds us that the shepherds were praising God and telling others about what they had seen. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Invite Someone to Church this Christmas!

<http://youtu.be/InPUkkrMtKo>

December 23rd

Read:

Matthew 2:1-8

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

Talk:

- Why were the wise men looking for the baby Jesus? *They wanted to worship him.*
- Why was King Herod disturbed to hear about the birth of the new king? *Because he was the king and he did not want another king taking over his throne!*

Memorize:

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Pray:

Dear Jesus, help me be like the wise men who searched for You so they could worship You! Help me seek You every day. Amen.

Do:

Look in pocket #23 for the picture of a star. This reminds us that the wise men followed a star to find Jesus. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Keith and Kristyn Getty: Hark the Herald Angels Sing
<http://youtu.be/b3TSYfADDKM>

December 24th

Read:

Matthew 2:9-12

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Talk:

- What gifts did the wise men bring Jesus? *Gold, incense and myrrh. Each of these gifts had a special meaning. Gold, because Jesus is the King of Kings. Incense, because Jesus is like our high priest who goes before the Father on our behalf. Myrrh was a perfume used on the bodies of people when they died. Jesus died as the sacrifice for our sins.*
- What gift can you give Jesus tonight?

Memorize:

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Pray:

Lord, You rescued me from sin by giving me the greatest gift of all, Your life. I can't repay You for such an amazing gift. But I know what You want from me is my heart. You want my love and commitment to You. Jesus, this Christmas I want to give You a present. I want to tell You how much I love You and that I will spend my life serving You and following Your commands. You are my King and I give You my life. Amen.

Do:

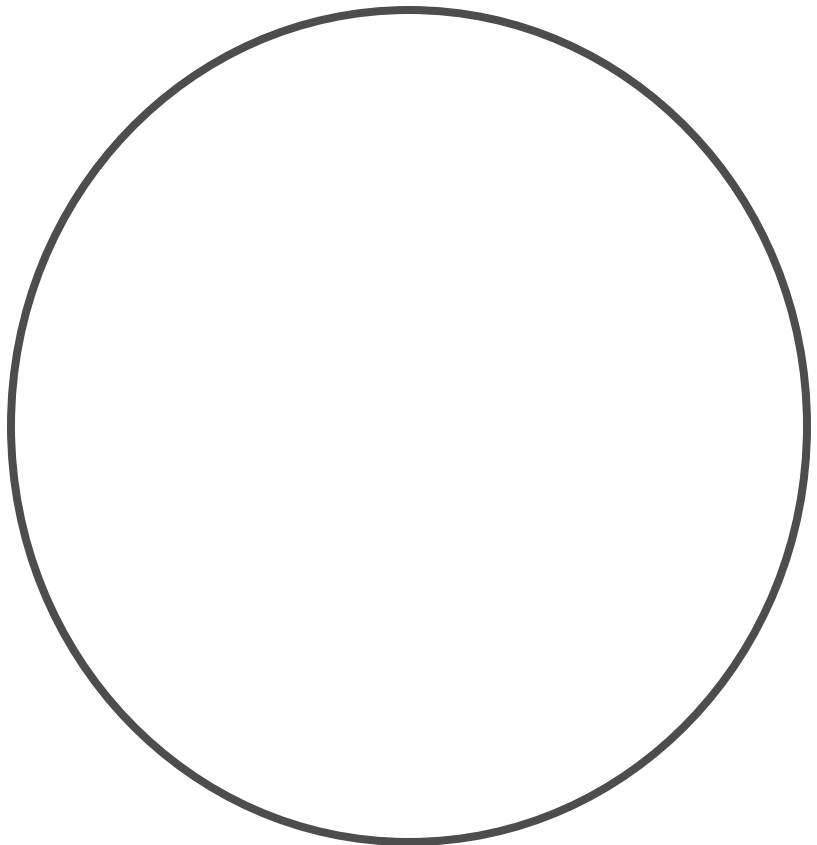
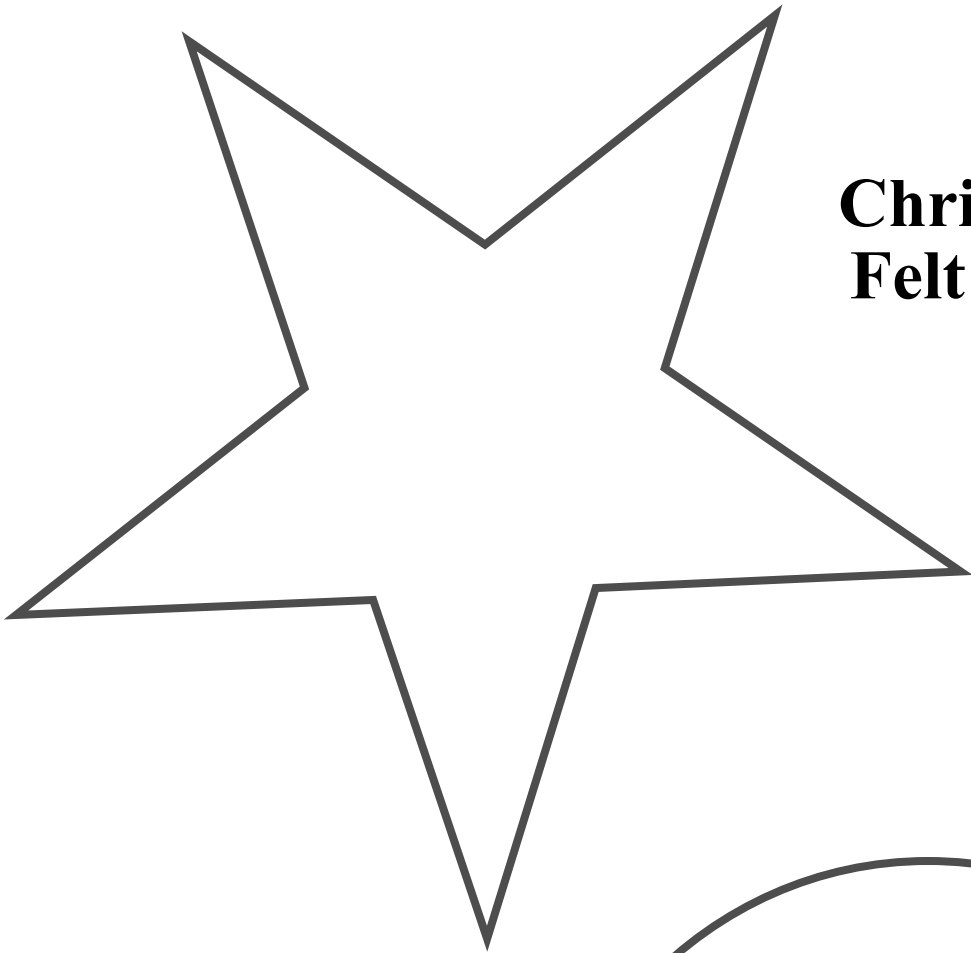
Look in pocket #24 for the picture of the wise men's gifts. Place this on the advent tree.

Watch:

Joy Has Dawned: Keith and Kristyn Getty

<http://youtu.be/iIXY1NxQkIU>

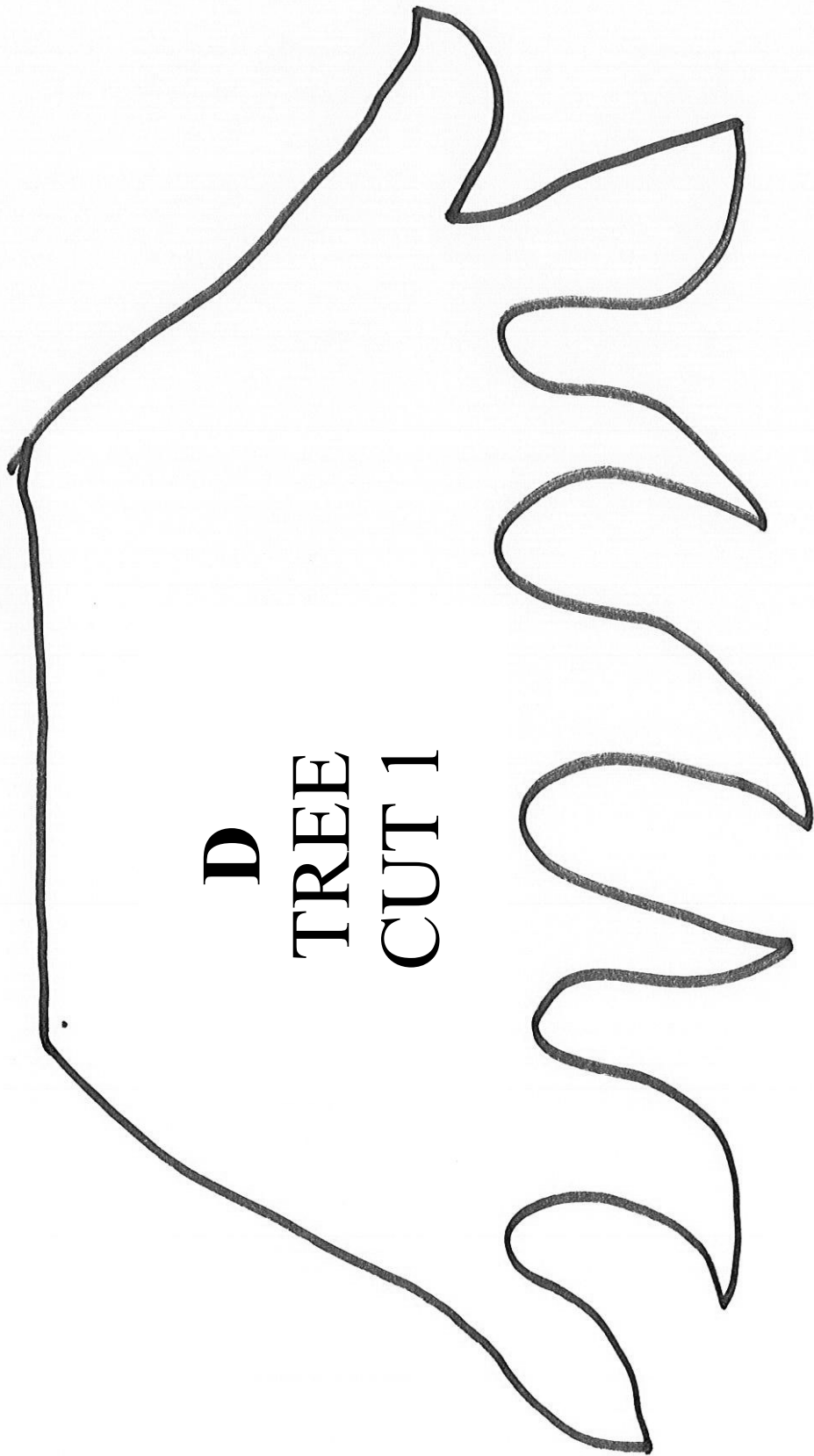
**Christmas Tree
Felt Templates**

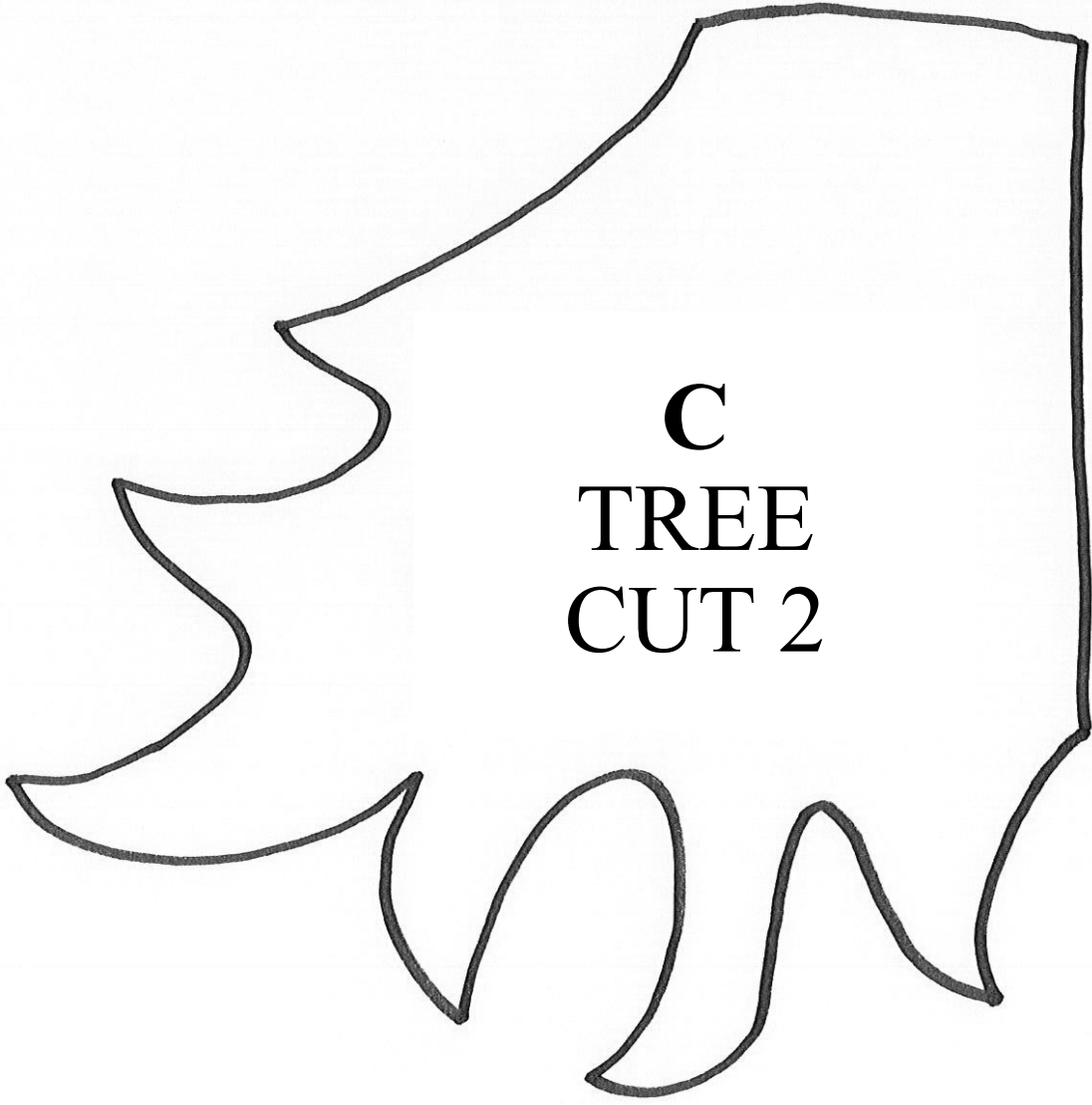




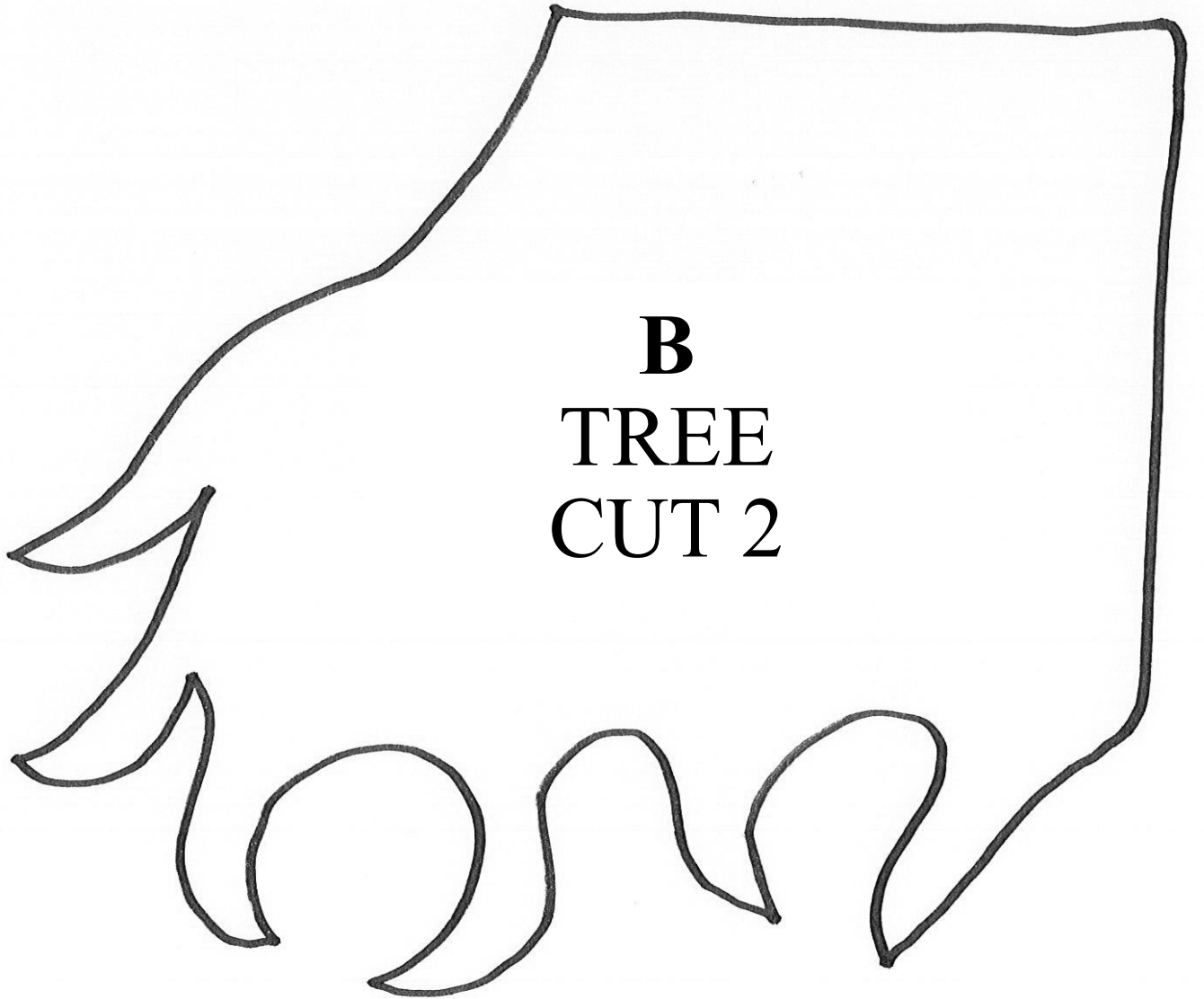
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CUT 1

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TREE
CUT 1





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**A
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