

Journey To The Manger Advent Calendar Adventures In Odyssey Misc

Celebrate the Advent season with a new family tradition with this beautiful and heartwarming collection of devotions and stories from beloved, bestselling author Glenys Nellist, told in the style of the classic 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. 'Twas the Season of Advent is a 25-day devotional that will inspire your family as you eagerly await the arrival of Christ's birth! 'Twas the season of Advent, when all through the earth, People were pausing to ponder Christ's birth. The bright lights were hung 'round the doorframes with care In hopes that Christmastime soon would be there... Prepare the way for the LORD. Isaiah 40:3 Written in both prose and poetry, 'Twas the Season of Advent will engage children and adults alike and become a new holiday tradition for families everywhere! From the bestselling author of the holiday favorites 'Twas the Evening of Christmas and 'Twas the Morning of Easter, 'Twas the Season of Advent: Delivers prose and poetry that will appeal to all ages, especially 4-8 year-olds Brings Advent to life through 25 devotions featuring stories from the Old and New Testaments Features beautiful artwork by celebrated illustrator Elena Selivanova Serves as the perfect gift for the family as you prepare for the Christmas season Presents portions written in the familiar rhyme scheme of Clement C. Moore's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas Showcases a beautiful cover you'll want to display on your coffee table all Advent and holiday season Join Glenys and families around the world as you and your family wait, prepare for, and look forward to the arrival of God's son, Jesus. Look for additional inspirational children's picture books from Glenys: 'Twas the Morning of Easter 'Twas the Evening of Christmas Snuggle Time series Love Letters from God series

?An Advent Book of Days tells the stories of all the characters and creatures that make up the Christmas story, with daily prayers and reflections based on their experiences. Fully illustrated in colour, this rich seasonal companion combines the bible, history, art and legend to explore the story of the incarnation. For each day of Advent, we meet a character caught up in the drama of the nativity, from the archangel Gabriel to the ox and ass in the stable. We discover what their portrayal in scripture reveals about them, how they have been understood in history, what folk legends have accrued around them, and what their stories offer for faith and devotion today. This is a book to engage all the senses and the imagination, to be enjoyed slowly and to shed new light on the most famous and familiar story of all.

Celebrate a Season of Wonder and Waiting Though the holidays are often jam-packed with busyness, the weeks leading up to Yuletide are still a time to reflect on the miracle of Jesus's birth. Shadow and Light is a concise and customizable guide for the Advent season to help you rediscover your childlike wonder and contemplate the sacred gift we celebrate in the Christmas season. From bestselling author Tsh Oxenreider, Shadow and Light is a rich yet approachable experience that invites you to explore the historical meaning of Advent. Drawing from liturgical tradition, Tsh provides fresh insights for new and longtime believers alike. Each day includes Scripture, a reflection, a question, and a simple activity to engage the senses, such as lighting candles, listening to music, and viewing artwork both old and new. Let yourself break away from the hustle and bustle of crafts, cookies, and Christmas parties, and receive your invitation to remember the quiet focus of our celebration. Shadow and Light will help you reclaim the holiday season as a time to remember Jesus's first coming, and to long for his one-day return.

The greatest mind in the universe imagined time. The truest judge granted Adam a choice. But it was love that gave Immanuel, God with us. The Author would enter his own story. The Word would become flesh. He, too, would be born. He, too, would be human. He, too, would have feet and hands, tears and flesh. Best-selling author Max Lucado, invites readers to witness the birth of Christ as they've never seen it before, through twenty-five inspirational selections from his most popular books. Selections are taken from 3:16, God Came Near, The Applause of Heaven, and more. Join Mary and Joseph inside a stable, beside a shepherd, at the feet of the King in the manger.

'Twas the Season of Advent

God Is in the Manger

Devotions and Stories for the Christmas Season

Trek to the Manger

Advent 2009

Manger and Mystery

A Spiritual and Practical Guide

Travel through the alphabet with this beautiful rhyming storybook that tells the story of Jesus' birth. Begin with the angel who tells Mary that she is God's chosen vessel and follow along until you reach the zillions of stars that paled in comparison to the star that announced the birthplace of the newborn King. Beautifully illustrated and written, this book will be a classic for parents to read to their children every Christmas season. --Publisher

Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from his Christmas sermons, these daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas.

Advent should be an adventure! One that honors tradition without bowing the knee to retail-bullying. One that embraces fun and gift-giving without breaking the bank. One that engages more of me than just my schedule and my credit card. The season of Advent may appear to have been hijacked by a relentless stream of commercial messages - but this year can be different! Instead of plodding through another stress-filled holiday, women on the move are choosing a different route to Christmas morning. Trek to the Manger is a tool in the hands (and hearts) of busy women during the season of Advent, which begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Each daily devotion presents an opportunity to redeem the Christmas holiday and reclaim our focus on the Light of the World. This spiritual adventure is an ideal resource for small groups, Bible studies, or personal devotional reading. A reading schedule is available online at pinkshoesministries.me for women wishing to join others on this journey of faith. It's time to fire up your GPS and grab a traveling buddy or two! Not for

another trip to the mall... for a Trek to the Manger.

Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Advent season, from the first Sunday in Advent through the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each day of the season, helping readers understand Advent in the wider context of God's love. Wright's engaging and accessible writing and imagery help us see Advent both in relation to the gospel message and in our own lives today. Each Sunday's text uses the Mark passage from the Revised Common Lectionary, with the rest of the week drawn from other passages in the Gospel and the lectionary. This book is suitable for both individual and group study and reflection.

The meaning is in the waiting

Presence in the Manger

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift

Advent

Finding Christmas in the Nativity

The Berenstain Bears, The Very First Christmas

An Advent Book of Days

Arranged for daily reading in the hectic run-up to Christmas, this book will enable us to grow more fully into a way of being that is governed more by expectancy than by urgency, more focused on God's presence today than on some imagined future. Changing the focus of our restless, busy lives takes time and for most of us will be a lifetime's work, but we venture on this journey in companionship with the God who waits with us.

The Christmas story comes to life through age-appropriate puzzles, activity pages, and 50 reusable stickers in this friendly and fun sticker and activity Book featuring The Beginner's Bible classic art and simply written content.

Offers guidance for taking part in the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree, with scriptural passages, devotions, and activities intended to apply their themes.

In the tradition of the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Nassal leads us through 15 Stations of the Crib, a journey to the manger and the mission that lies beyond it. Drawn from the infancy narratives in Luke and Matthew, these poetic reflections are filled with stories, images and insights that entertain, enlighten and engage.

A Six-Week Celtic Advent Devotional

A 41-Day Advent Journey

Waiting Here for You

The Manger Mission

Unwrapping the Names of Jesus

The Best Gift Ever Given

Meeting the characters of Christmas

An Interactive ADVENTure for Your Family Toys and games are great, but the best gifts from God last a lifetime and beyond. Help your children understand the real meaning of Christmas with this 25-day discovery of the good things God has given us, leading up to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. From creation to Christmas, your little ones will gain a greater understanding of what God has done and how all of Scripture points toward Jesus. Each day your children will learn a key Scripture verse based on that day's brief teaching interact with modern and detailed illustrations that correspond to the text answer insightful, open-ended questions to help apply the day's reading read a prayer that reinforces the biblical concept being taught As you walk your children through the Advent season, your family will gain a deeper appreciation of God's goodness and develop a stronger sense of gratitude for the ultimate gift of salvation. Begin a special new tradition in your home this December with The Best Gift Ever Given.

A daily devotional for the Advent Season. Where do you think of when you think of Christmas? Bethlehem? Jerusalem? Ever considered Rome, Babylon and Moab? Take a journey to find out how these places fit into the Christmas story as we celebrate the Incarnation of Christ.

Based on her bestseller Unwrapping the Greatest Gift, Ann Voskamp expands her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree with this beautiful keepsake book that can be handed down and enjoyed for generations. Each December, families can celebrate the coming of Jesus by opening the book to see a stunning 13-inch, three-dimensional Jesse Tree pop up from the page. At its foot are 25 doors, one for each day of Advent, which hide meaningful, beautifully detailed ornaments--including the Christmas star--that are ready to be hung on the tree. Also inside is a simple devotional book with a reading for each ornament. Create precious holiday memories with The Wonder of the Greatest Gift pop-up book and recapture the sacredness of the Advent season as you celebrate the epic pageantry of the coming of the Messiah.

Waiting Here for You helps us anticipate rather than dread the busy season of Advent and Christmas. Life is full of waiting - we can't escape it. We find ourselves in the middle of it every day - waiting on a prognosis to be given...a verdict to be reached...a promotion to be announced. And in these seasons of waiting that anxiety, desperation and hopelessness creep in. **Waiting Here For You** takes us through the advent - the season of waiting. In it we see the story of the coming of Jesus. It teaches us that waiting is the means God often uses to carry his plans in our lives. And it brings us back to the truth that our waiting is never wasted when we are waiting on God. Join pastor and author Louie Giglio and take hold of the chance to uncover the vast hope offered through the journey of Advent. Find peace and encouragement for your soul as anticipation leads toward celebration! Waiting is not wasted when it is waiting with the Lord.

The Beginner's Bible a Christmas Celebration Sticker and Activity Book

An Advent Journey with Luke

Journey to the Manger With St. Patrick & Friends

25 Devotionals for Christmas

A Gentle Journey to the Prince of Peace

The Living Nativity

A labyrinth is a pattern consisting of a single circuitous path that winds into the centre, with no possibility of getting lost, as in a maze, and no dead ends. It is one of the most ancient tools for spiritual growth and development, dating back to medieval Christianity. This book provides a guide for beginner and seasoned explorer alike.

Benjamin Bear is so impatient for Christmas to come. To help the time pass more quickly, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--"twenty-four stories all about another little bear and his long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. The little bear, led by a glittering star, meets many others on his travels across hot deserts, snowy mountains, and through dark, lonely nights. His adventures, filled with acts of heroism and kindness and many small miracles, show him the path to the Christ Child. And by journey's end Benjamin Bear--"and all youngsters who share the stories and their simple morals along with him--"will understand and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Walking to the Manger is a collection of devotionals inviting you to make walking, reflecting and prayer a part of your daily Advent practice. Just as Mary and Joseph traveled the long journey to Bethlehem, the Christian season of Advent is a journey in which the traveling is as full of lessons as the destination. As such, the season is a journey of faith. Every week begins with a psalm and the opportunity to set a "movement goal," or a reasonable physical challenge for yourself. Each day in Advent also offers a passage of Scripture along with a reflection and prayer. As you walk toward the Christ-child through the words of the prophets and the apostles, we pray that you may become healthier in body and spirit. May you be blessed while walking to the manger.

The Manger Mission: A Family Christmas Tradition is a story told through the eyes of playful, reminiscing Wise Men, now part of a family's nativity set, as they anticipate Christmas each year while reflecting on their first journey to meet Jesus. Each morning leading up to Christmas, the children in the family choose a place for the Wise Men as they journey through their home, every day moving them closer to the nativity where they can once again see baby Jesus. On Christmas morning, the children return the Wise Men to the nativity as part of their family's Christmas morning tradition.

Christmas Presence

ADVENTuring to the Manger

Advent 2010

Shadow and Light

A Ragamuffin Christmas

Behold

A 25-Day Journey Through Advent from God's Good Gifts to God's Great Son

Beautifully illustrated by the masters of old, children of all ages and the entire family are guided along the glorious path of Christmas by peering into the stable, approaching the manger and beholding Christ

at his birth. Look there, in the barn, beyond the wooden beams, there, lying in the hay inside the manger. Look! Finding Christmas in the Nativity will warm your heart and call you out of the world to the crib side of a newly born babe. The wonder, vibrant and glorious act of our Savior being born in a stable among livestock, to fulfill a promise told, stills the heart and beckons us to follow. Through Matthew, Luke and John, we journey through the season each day with a simple reading and reflection on the retelling of the Christmas story. Foretelling passages from Micah and Isaiah are woven through the story, making this a journey of discovery of how a promise is fulfilled through the passage of time. Travel this year, day by day, through an Advent Season looking at Jesus, the babe, lying in the manger. Nestled and swaddled in warm clothes, lying in soft, dry grass is the greatest gift ever given to all mankind. This baby, the Light of the World, fills our hearts with joy and gladness. The Advent Companion Journal to Finding Christmas in the Nativity is available for children's reflection in writing. It is a beautiful book, laid out day by day, with area to write about the discoveries in Finding Christmas in the Nativity. Look for Finding Christmas in the Nativity, Advent Companion Journal by visiting www.scholabella.com

When was the last time you saw Jesus? REALLY saw him? If the troubles of this world occupy your mind, ... it's time for a redirected focus. If your prayers seem stale, ... you need a fresh infusion of his glory. And if you feel powerless to stand up to your situation, ... maybe it's time to kneel before the Savior. Come and Behold will lead to Come and Adore. This personal Christmas Advent journey will take you to places where you can witness the glory and majesty of God With Us. The 13 Advent devotionals are packed with Scriptural insight that weaves Jesus' first coming in a manger with his second coming in glory. You'll travel between the Old Testament and New Testament drawing connections about the Messiah you may never have seen. The companion website (BeholdAdvent.com) even includes: a playlist of songs, corresponding artwork, and a free schedule you can use to turn this book into a daily devotional journey. The Advent devotions are each inspired by a favorite line of a treasured Christmas hymn: Come and behold him Let every heart prepare him room Fall on your knees O holy night A weary world rejoices A thrill of hope With the dawn of redeeming grace Light and Life to all he brings The soul felt its worth Mary, did you know that sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM Chains he shall break What child is this? This is Christ the King Gloria in excelsis Deo Begin with BEHOLD and Christmas will take on a whole new look! Let this Bible study guide you into an Advent season full of

devotion, meditation, and spiritual growth.

Previously published as Christmas Presence: An Advent Devotional by Ray Cummings and Scott Hanberry. Advent is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. It traditionally encompasses the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and is centered around the four themes of hope, peace, love, and joy. This devotional is a little longer; it is a 41-day journey. The number 40 shows up often in the Bible, commonly in contexts dealing with judgment or testing. Forty-one often represents victory or an end to the trial or testing. The 41 series guides you past judgment to the deliverance, past the testing to the testimony. These forty-one days of Advent readings will help you and your family prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christ's Nativity and the anticipation of His Return! For Christians all around the world, Advent is a season of waiting. Individually and collectively we wait for the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent is clearly tied to the coming of Christ, but what if we began to see more than just a celebration of Christmas, "The First Advent"... What if we anchored our hope in a future glance? Yes, we look forward to Christmas as a reminder of Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but few Christians invest mental energy in anticipation of His second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. The word advent itself means "arrival" or "an appearing or coming into place." And so this season of Advent should be a time when we also wait with great anticipation for the ultimate arrival: Jesus' Second Coming! His arrival at Bethlehem changed everything and His promise of return secures our hope. In this time of waiting the experience might be different from household to household and believer to believer. For some, Advent is an experience of joy, peace, and love while others desperately long for the same. Some will experience a time of family gatherings, festive meals, renewing friendships, and the reunion of relationships, while others experience empty baskets and empty chairs, separation, brokenness, and loneliness. Isolation and separation have marked the past year. Pandemic quarantine has brought about a nagging sense of loneliness and disconnection. However, isolation and loneliness are not modern-day problems. They are as old as human relationships and they are by-products of a much deeper issue than a pandemic...they are rooted in sin. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, their first inclination was to hide. Simply put, sin separates. But separation was never God's intent. The story of Scripture begins and ends with the presence of God. God's desire and His design is to dwell with His people. In the book of Genesis, Eden is the first couple's home but, more

importantly, it is God's sanctuary--the garden temple where the Creator and his image-bearers relate (Gen 3:8). However, their disobedience cut them off from God, Who is the very source of life. Death entered. And so, people felt the ache of separation. They felt a longing to be in His Presence. They experienced a sense of exile. And that's where Jesus steps into history and therein lies the hope of His Arrival! His Presence equals hope! This sentiment was captured in the Christmas Carol, O' Holy Night... Long lay the world in sin and error, pining, 'Til He appeared and the soul felt it's worth A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn"! Emmanuel, also called the Christ, changed the world. At that moment when God became flesh, humanity watched prophecies unfold as hope was born. Jesus, our Emmanuel, provided hope that sin and death wouldn't always win and mankind wouldn't always feel so painfully alone. Join other believers in a 41-day journey of anticipation of God's presence!

In this widely popular, exciting story for the advent season, readers follow ten-year-old Jotham across Israel as he searches for his family. Though he faces thieves, robbers, and kidnappers, Jotham also encounters the wise men, shepherds, and innkeepers until at last he finds his way to the Savior born in Bethlehem.

A Family Celebration of Christmas
Journey to the Manger Advent Calendar
25 Inspirational Selections for Advent
Jotham's Journey
Reflections on Advent and Christmas
The Wonder of the Greatest Gift
Advent Journey

Mark Bozzutti-Jones offers a unique perspective on the season of Advent. Along with Scripture readings and prayers, he offers four weeks of meditations that focus on the growth of Jesus in the womb of Mary as he approaches the day of his birth, learns his mother's voice, responds to the presence of light and dark, and begins to position himself for birth. What does this teach us about our own spiritual journey through Advent? Waiting and preparation is essential to the Christian life. By reflecting on our own birth experiences and Jesus' own progress through the womb, Christians can learn how to remain intimate with God, how to approach the light, and how to get ready for new birth in Christ. The Womb of Advent guides the reader through each day with a mantra, scripture reading, and questions to focus our

meditation. Each session ends with a spiritual exercise.

How to focus on Christ during Advent Most Christians agree that Christmas is all about Jesus, yet most of us spend little time preparing our hearts to celebrate Him. Why is this? Partly because we don't know how. In Unwrapping the Names of Jesus, Asheritah Ciuciu leads readers through the four weeks of Advent (Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love). Each week: Begins with an interactive family devotional that equips readers to celebrate Advent together Offers five daily reflections that focus on that week's name of Jesus Includes suggestions for fun-filled family activities or service projects This devotional can be used by readers in their own personal worship times or as a tool to engage in family worship during the busy holiday season. Either way, participants will gain a greater sense of awe and wonder at who Jesus is. By focusing on the person and character of Jesus throughout the Advent season, readers will prepare their hearts so that when they admire the live nativity, sit in the candlelight service, or wake up on Christmas morning, they can join the faithful who sing from the bottom of their hearts, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

Take your family on a fun-filled journey to the manger this Christmas season! Learn more about Bible characters related to the Nativity and help teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas. Dive into each day of Advent with devotions and activities that will engage the entire family. Packed full of fun activities, Journey to the Manger Advent Calendar includes an Advent poster, Bible character stickers, readings, kids' puzzles, and more!

Luke, with his master ability at crafting a story, is responsible for much of the beauty and imagery we associate with Christmas. In this devotional book, we let Luke lead us as we discover God's intricate preparation for the coming of Jesus into our world. Luke takes us by the hand and guides us through angel visits, surprise announcements and improbable births till we find ourselves standing face to face with Jesus, our Savior. As we huddle around the manger, we discover the Presence, God's unconditional love that will never let us go and that will be our source of life! The book contains a devotional for each day of the Advent Season and a discussion guide, making it an ideal resource for Sunday School Classes, Bible Studies, or small groups. The book is available in print or as an e-book. Dwain Cassady pastored churches for 28 years. He holds degrees from Georgia Tech, Emory University, and Medical College of Georgia. He currently lives in Gainesville, GA, with his wonderful wife and cats, works as an occupational therapist, and tinkers with Advent Studies.

A Journey to the Manger

The Womb of Advent

Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles

Preparing for Christmas with Saint Francis

Walking the Labyrinth

A Daily Devotional M Is for Manger

Walking to the Manger is a four-week daily devotional inviting you to make walking, reflecting, and prayer a part of your daily Advent practice. Just as Mary and Joseph traveled the long journey to Bethlehem, during the Christian season of Advent, we journey in faith through the lessons of the season. We prepare in body and spirit to meet the Christ-child once again. In the words of a psalm, every week of Walking to the Manger begins a new theme for reflection. You'll also find space to record a "movement goal," or a reasonable physical challenge for yourself. Then each day in Advent offers a passage of Scripture from the Psalms, prophets, Gospel writers, or the apostle Paul, along with a reflection and prayer. These tools guide your Advent journey, setting you on a course toward attaining your goals, both physically and spiritually. These four weeks will: - focus your heart during a busy season - inspire you to move bodily as well as spiritually - prepare you in body and spirit to meet the Christ-child once again These tools guide your Advent journey, setting you on a course toward attaining your goals, both physically and spiritually - weekly reflection themes - space to record movement goals - seasonal Scripture explorations - brief focused prayers - daily diary of devotional thoughts

Advent may be a new concept to you, or you may have been lighting the candles every Sunday from Thanksgiving till Christmas your whole life. Either way, we hope you decided to join us on our Advent journey. This book was born in our hearts -the hearts of busy women. Our great hope and prayer is that the Father would use this little book to lead your heart to the manger. It was written for the young and the not so young - for anyone who wants to remember the true meaning of Christmas. You may be wondering how such a small book could lay claim to such a big purpose. We believe that Advent should be a season of peace, but it is difficult to find that peace under the pile of lists we make for ourselves at Christmas time. We squeeze the parties, shopping, and traditions onto our December calendar but often end up feeling like a failure when we don't finish the devotional book, read all the verses, or make all the crafts we planned. On Christmas day we sit at the manger and try to catch our breath while wondering how we even got there. So you see, this book is small because we believe the journey doesn't need to be so overwhelming. We believe the best Christmas memories are made quietly in our living rooms. In this book you will find a brief history of Advent and a simple devotional for each week of the season. You may choose to read one devotional at a time or read the whole book in one sitting. You can make The Best Christmas Cookies Ever a tradition in your home or skip right over them. You won't find any pressure or expectations here. We simply wanted to create a beautiful way for you to share the most amazing story ever told with the ones you love or gently prepare your own heart for Christmas. When you reach the manger this year, we hope your heart is full of peace.

What if you had been there on the night that Jesus was born? What if you could have held the infant Son of God, when He was only a few minutes old? How would it feel to have God Himself in your arms, vulnerable, approachable, and unassuming? In "A Ragamuffin Christmas" Craig Daliessio provides just that view of the Nativity. Far from the usual retelling of a baby, some shepherds, and the Virgin Mary; this is the story of criminals, broken hearted moms, scandalous characters, and legendary Saints, each granted their own visit with the newborn King of Kings. The people and images are unmistakable...and the result of each interaction is life changing. This is the Christmas story as it's never been told before.

Journey to the Manger Advent Calendar Focus on the Family Pub

Journey to the Manger

Stations of the Crib

An Advent Devotional

Four Weeks of Daily Devotions for Advent

Advent Storybook

A Christmas Advent Journey

A Journey of Hope from Advent to Epiphany

Come along on a great ADVENTure! One that doesn't require time shopping and baking, but one that ushers in the advent of the Kingdom of God on earth. This breaking-through of the holy Presence did not get cleaned up by delivery room nurses and handed to his momma wrapped in a hospital print blanket and matching hat. No, this Presence was birthed in dirt and spent his first night on earth sleeping to the sounds of a mooing cow and a snoring donkey. The smell must have been noticeable, but he was too little and much too polite to mention it. The great ADVENTure we will embark on for these 25 days of preparation will lead us straight to that manger, where we will find ourselves standing among dirty shepherds, regal wisemen, vibrant angels, and his parents. By immersing ourselves in scripture every day, we will hear from the prophets of old and end up at the eyewitness accounts of Christ's arrival. Through our travels, we discern God's purpose for our lives as we navigate another Advent season. May this Christmas be like none other as we journey together. Looking for a small group resource? Free downloadable leader's guide for this book is available at atwatersedge.org.

Journey to the Manger explores the New Testament's various accounts of the birth of Jesus: their origins in Old Testament prophecies, the genealogies, the angelic announcements, the journeys and arrivals, and the aftermath of Jesus' birth for the powerful and the poor alike. Engaging seriously with biblical and historical criticism, Paula Gooder uncovers key similarities running through the Gospel writers' accounts and focuses on their shared understanding of the significant events they describe. Her detailed exploration of the texts is a gold mine for preaching and teaching, and will breathe new life into the familiar Christmas stories heard year after year in churches, hymn sings, and nativity plays. Devotional reflections and discussion questions also make this ideal for personal and group study. Rooted in the conviction that greater understanding of the Bible leads to deeper discipleship, this is an essential resource for preachers, teachers, and study group leaders, as well as those who simply wish to get to know the Bible better.

A SIX-WEEK Advent devotional guide. Is your journey to Christmas usually filled with thoughts of wishing you could skip right past the season? Does your pace of life become so fast that you feel you are spinning out of control? Would you like to find a more peace-filled path on which you can journey this year? Then this is the book for you. We will begin our journey on November 11th and walk the ancient path of the early Celtic Christians. Traveling in the company of Saints, sinners and storytellers, you will be invited to embrace a new, yet old, approach to Advent. Together we will recover the map they followed and find the treasure they found: the treasure of Emmanuel - God with us. From Gordon MacDonald's Foreword: "Should you choose to follow Jean through the Advent weeks, lighting candles as you go along, you'll find a set of uplifting and deepening reflections for every day. They are not burdensome or time-consuming. Each reading is designed to help us center our thoughts upon the true thrust of Advent. In this book there are rousing Celtic prayers: I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three . . . There are

wonderful stories: "I was five years old," Jean writes, "and Christmas was coming." You can't imagine what comes next as Jean reminisces on the generosity of God as understood through the eyes of a child. There are old hymns: "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife. . . ." Great Psalms . . . encouraging promises . . . poems from the heart of the great mothers and fathers of the Christian movement. In giving us this spiritual guide for Advent, Jean Hess has provided us a wonderful gift. I am among those who are truly grateful."

Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week.

Exploring the Birth of Jesus

The Places of Advent

Advent Devotions for Women on the Move

An Interactive Family Celebration of Advent

Walking to the Manger

A Storybook for Advent

An Advent Adventure

Young readers will enjoy reading about the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary and the visit from the three wise men in this addition to the Living Lights™ series of Berenstain Bears books. Children will learn all about Jesus' holy birth. Berenstain Bears The Very First Christmas—part of the popular Zonderkidz Living Lights series of books—is perfect for: Early readers ages 4-8 Reading out loud during Advent or the holiday season Holiday gift exchanges or as an Advent gift Sparking conversations about the true meaning behind Christmas and the birth of Jesus Berenstain Bears The Very First Christmas is an addition to The Living Lights™ series, which: Features the hand-drawn artwork of the Berenstain family Continues in the much-loved footsteps of Stan and Jan Berenstain in this Berenstain Bears

series of books Is part of one of the bestselling children's book series ever created, with more than 250 books published and nearly 300 million copies sold to date

In the manger

A Journey into Advent

A Family Christmas Tradition