

Countdown to Christmas



Advent Devotions for Children

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First Sunday of Advent

One Creation

In the beginning when God created
the heavens and the earth ...

Genesis 1:1

Today I join with the whole EARTH in counting the days until your birth, Lord Jesus. For the earth is your creation, I know.

Your Father sent you, his beloved Word, out into deepest darkness. "LIGHT!" he shouted. And POOF, light appeared. WOW! What power you have. What beauty you control.

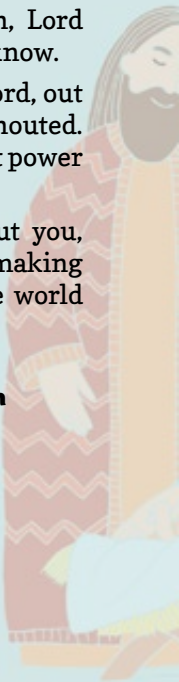
That's what the earth tells me about you, Lord Jesus. You had your hand in making this huge and lovely thing. The whole world proclaims you!

Let's count the days 'til Jesus' birth

With every creature on the earth.

For this amazing celebration

Is shared by all in God's creation.



First Monday of Advent



Countless Stars

“Where were you ... when the morning stars sang together?”

Job 38:4-7

Lord, I look up at the countless stars in the sky and I know that they all point me to you ... because you were there when they were created. They sang songs to praise you! Do you remember those songs? Of course you do! Do you ever hum them as the melodies wind through your mind? Eventually another star would point the way to you as well—it would lead wise men to worship you in Bethlehem.

Next time I look at the stars I'll try to remember your timeless greatness. And I'll sing a song of praise.

What number could measure up God's love?

It's higher than all the stars above!

God made each one, each shining star,

And loves you more than those by far.



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First Tuesday of Advent

Two People

So God created humankind in his image.

Genesis 1:27

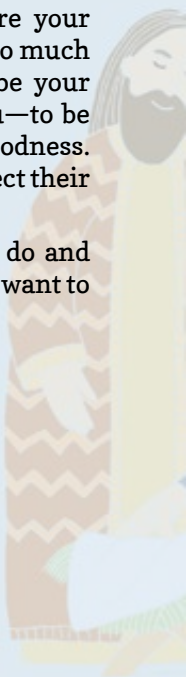
You created those first two, Adam and Eve, in your own image, Lord. And that's how you made me! That means we're your CHILDREN, right? You made us with so much love in your heart. You made us to be your children. You made us to point to you—to be messengers of your loving, fatherly goodness. That's what kids do, after all. They reflect their parents. Chips off the old block.

Do I do that, Lord? Do the things I do and say make you proud of me? I hope so! I want to proclaim my Father's love!

**In the beginning, God made two
To grow and love as children do.
I am God's child, for he made me
To be part of his family.**



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First Wednesday of Advent

One Snake

“I will put enmity between you ... he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Oh, no! Your perfect creation was ruined, Lord, when that single sneaky snake twisted your words and tempted your children. They listened to the snake. They disobeyed you. Sin entered your world ... entered every human heart. How sad that must have been for you.

Yet, even on that one sad day you sent a message—a message to that sneaky snake. You promised he would be destroyed some day. You would send a Savior!

**How many days, Lord, did it take
For people to leave you for that snake?
Thank you for offering to send
A Savior to call us back again.**

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