



Worksheet

Advent

WHAT IS ADVENT?

The season of Advent is more than wreaths and candles a few weeks before Christmas. Advent is the time some Christians take to prepare their hearts to focus on the true meaning of Jesus' birth. The word *advent* means "arrival" or "an appearing, or coming into place." It's a time of waiting and reflecting on Jesus' first coming to earth. Not only does Advent help us remember the dark, difficult season of waiting for the Messiah to come, it points us to the hope of Jesus' second coming as we wait for him to return. Christians often observe Advent as a solemn, holy build-up to the joyful celebration of God's gift of a Savior!

Genesis 3:15

"But right then, amid the darkness, God spoke a word of hope: a Savior would come, born of a woman, to defeat the enemy and deliver God's people." The Village Church

Nehemiah 9

"Advent is like an alarm going off on our calendar, reminding us to zoom out and consider what really matters in our lives. Advent is a season to stop, take stock, and remember the main thing—to sit at the feet of Jesus and fall so in love again that you feel a burning urgency to give Him everything." The Austin Stone

Psalms 95

"What better season to sing than this: the Savior is born to live, die, and rise again to fix what sin had broken." Come Let Us Adore Him-Paul David Tripp

Isaiah 9:6

"God waited thousands of years to send the Rescuer. During that time, God's people faced many hard things. While they waited, God gave them hints and clues about how Jesus would come, what He would do, and what He would be like. These hints, written in Scriptures by prophets, would help God's people wait." The Village Church

Ezekiel 36:24-27

"Christmas is the fulfillment of God's promise to give a new heart and spirit. Christmas is the gift of a new way of living. This new way is Immanuel." The Austin Stone

Jonah 1, 3, 4:1-3

"This Christmas we celebrate a Messiah who didn't just die for you and the people you love, but for people from every tribe and tongue and nation. He died for His enemies. We often forget that Christmas is a message of great joy and good news for the very people we want to avoid." The Austin Stone

Micah 5:2

"Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets spoke of the promised Savior, telling the people how to recognize His coming and reminding them that God had not forgotten." The Village Church

James 4:1-10

"The coming of the infant King means the gracious destruction of the kingdom of self and a loving welcome to the kingdom of God." Come Let Us Adore Him, Paul David Tripp

Luke 2:14

"The implications of this birth are not only transformational... but also eternal. The angels sang because hope had come. Don't you want to join them?" Come Let Us Adore Him, Paul David Tripp

John 1:1-18

"The first eighteen verses of this Gospel remind us that the promises beginning in the book of Genesis and continuing through the entire Old Testament are finally realized in Jesus Christ. He is the promised Messiah. He's the answer to man's need for a Savior. This man is far more than a man, he is God became man." Matt Carter, Christ-Centered Exposition-Exalting Jesus in John

Romans 5:6-11

"The Baby in the manger came to tell us the worst news ever (our sin), because until we accept the worst news ever, we'll never want the best news ever. (The Savior came to purchase our forgiveness.)" Come Let Us Adore Him, Paul David Tripp

Romans 8:31-39

"The incarnation of Jesus Christ is God's clear demonstration that he will always make good on all of his promises to us." Come Let Us Adore Him, Paul David Tripp

Ephesians 6:10-18

"If not for Christmas, where would your hope come from for life's battles? At Christmas, we celebrate, because through Christmas we are promised victory. Jesus, our champion, is in our hearts." The Austin Stone

Hebrews 10:11-14

“This is the gift that caused shepherds to weep and kings to bow: a Savior who could proclaim ‘perfect’ over people who weren’t yet perfect. It is why today you don’t have to fear punishment, irritation, or frustration from God, because Christ has already perfected you—even as you are being sanctified.” The Austin Stone

Hebrews 12:1-2

“The Advent story reminds us that our past, present and future hope rest not on our willingness, but on the willingness of the One for whom the angels sang, the shepherds worshiped, and the magi researched. The willing Jesus is the only hope for unwilling sinners.” Come Let Us Adore Him, Paul David Tripp

1 Peter 1:3-12

Unlike Christmas decorations that return to the attic every year, the new life and inheritance we’ve been given in Jesus Christ stays with us forever.” The Village Church

The Old Testament contains many prophecies pointing not just to Jesus’ birth but also to the salvation he would accomplish. Look up the passages below and see how they illustrate this truth.

Use this information from The Village Church to highlight the Old Testament references, then put a sticky note telling where to find the New Testament fulfillment.

Old Testament Prophecy

Genesis 3:15

Isaiah 9:2

Isaiah 53:10–11

Isaiah 53:4

Isaiah 61:1–4

New Testament Fulfillment

Romans 5:6–8; Galatians 4:4–7; Colossians 2:13–15

Matthew 4:12–17; John 1:4–5; 12:46

Romans 5:1–2

Matthew 8:14–17

Luke 4:16–21