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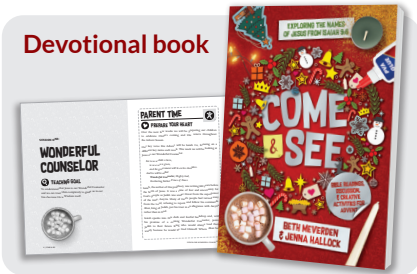


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What's inside the box...

The Come and See Advent Box contains everything needed to complete five engaging activities throughout Advent.

Devotional book



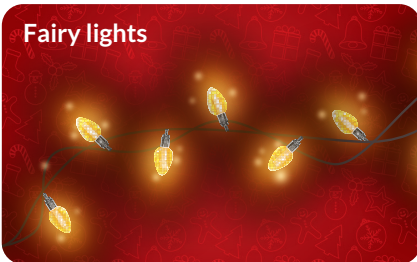
Hot chocolate



Marshmallows



Fairy lights



Paper bags



Evergreen scented tea light



Evergreen scented air freshener



Plastic jar



Glitter



PVA glue



Index cards



Advent candle



Memory verse card 1



Memory verse card 2



Learning together ...

SESSION ONE:

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

TEACHING GOAL

To understand that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor and we can trust Him completely to guide us in our lives because He is Wisdom itself.



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PARENT TIME

PREPARE YOUR HEART

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing our children to celebrate Christ's coming and His return throughout the Advent Season.

Our key verse this Advent will be Isaiah 9:6, focusing on a different key name each week. This week we will be looking at Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor.

*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.*

Isaiah, the author of this prophecy, was writing 800 years before the birth of Jesus. It was a time of fear and uncertainty for God's people as Judah was under threat from the superpower of Assyria. Many of God's people had turned away

Each session includes a dedicated parent devotional to help you prepare your own heart before teaching your children.

DISCUSSION ONE

This verse from the Bible tells us about what Jesus is like. The verse comes from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet who talked about Jesus coming to Earth even though he lived a long time before Jesus was born. Isaiah tells us about some special names Jesus would be given ...

READ ISAIAH 9:6

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and the government will be on his shoulders.
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QUESTIONS FOR LITTLE ONES

- Can you think of something wonderful? Tell us about it.
- Who do you ask when you need help?
- Can you think of anyone Jesus helped in the Bible?
- Did you know that Jesus can help us today?

What does a counselor do?

- A counselor is someone who helps us. They give advice or guidance.
- Can you give an example of some wise advice that you were given? How did you know to trust that advice?
Wise people give us good advice and they can be trusted.
- If you were making a speech to introduce Jesus today how would you describe him?

QUESTIONS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

- Often, we trust what someone says because they have been proved right in the past. Isaiah's prophecy, "A child will be born to us," came true when Jesus was born. Can you think of examples of how Isaiah was right about Jesus being a Wonderful Counselor too?
- In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is described as a helper or counselor (see John 14:26). What difference does it make to know that the Spirit of the Wonderful Counselor lives in you?

Questions for different ages and stages mean this is a flexible resource you can tailor to your own family.

PRAY

Dear God, thank You that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who is always there to listen to us and help us make wise choices. Thank You that Jesus is trustworthy. Help us to look to Him when we need guidance, advice, and counsel. We love You and want others to come and see You this Christmas season.

In Your Name, Amen.

Parent: Jesus, You are our Wonderful Counselor.
Child: Please guide us, Jesus.

Parent: Jesus, You are wise and loving.
Child: Please guide us, Jesus.

Parent: Jesus, You are trustworthy and faithful.
Child: Please guide us, Jesus.

Parent: Jesus, You are our Wonderful Counselor.
Child: Please guide us, Jesus.

IDEAS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

PLAY TIME

Play the treasure hunt game again but switch roles and help your child write and hide the clues for the rest of the family to find.

GO TIME

Make hot chocolate mix (or a little basket with hot chocolate packets and marshmallows) to take to a neighbor with an invitation to one of your church's Christmas services or events.

MEAL TIME

Practice saying Isaiah 9:6 together while you eat a family meal. You might like to share how remembering that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor is making a difference in your week.

BED TIME

Consider making or purchasing "prayer journals" for each family member. Decorate the cover with the words "Jesus is my Wonderful Counselor." Encourage family members to talk to God in prayer using their journal each day during Advent.

Go on a treasure hunt around the house using "counsel" (clues). Each clue will lead to a treasure and the next clue! When we get all the parts we find together for a treasure. Come and see the good treasure.

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Fun and easy ideas are included to help you to further engage with the theme of each study throughout the week.

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Learning together ...

Designed to be flexible to meet the needs of all family members, the devotional guide is clear, easy to follow, biblical and fun!

PARENT TIME



PREPARE YOUR HEART

A dedicated parent devotional to help you find the time and space to meet with God before you teach your children.

TEACHING GOAL

One clear goal for each session drives the whole Family Time experience.

PRAY

An opportunity to pray for yourself and your children.

PREPARE PRACTICALLY

Easy-to-follow explanation of each activity.

INSTRUCTIONS

Simply follow the instructions for a successful and fun activity time!

FAMILY TIME



INTRODUCTION

Get everyone involved in lighting an Advent candle and set the scene for your Family Time experience.

DISCUSSION

A discussion time to unpack the passage comes before the activity and a second discussion time then focuses on application.

BIBLE READING

Key Bible passages are printed in the book for ease.

QUESTIONS FOR

Differentiated questions enable you to tailor each session to the needs of your own family.

ACTIVITY

Fun and creative, these activities help to reinforce the teaching point as well as engage different types of learners.

MEMORIZE

Can your family remember the key Bible verse? Tips are included to help!

IDEAS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD



"You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 11:19

Creative ideas are provided to help you to continue to engage your children and reinforce the teaching at key times during the week.

PLAY TIME

More activity ideas for playing together.

GO TIME

Out and about? Continue the discussion with these suggestions.

MEAL TIME

Easy ideas for how you might take your meal time conversation to the next level.

BED TIME

Encouraging you to be intentional about key moments of the day including bed time.



Activities in the book:

Creative activities help to reinforce each teaching point and provide some fun family bonding time too!



Hot chocolate progressive treasure hunt



Blanket fort building



Can you guess the evergreen smell?



Calm down jar



COME & SEE

"I remember when I first received the *Come and See* Advent guide from Family Time Training. It was the first Advent study my family had ever been through and we all loved it. Now, I am thrilled at the thought of seeing more and more families worldwide using this wonderful resource! Christmas is an excellent opportunity to continue or begin habits of intentionality in the home, and I feel that this resource could be used by God to impact generations."

Frank Trimble, Executive Director, Family Time Training

