Advent Calendar 2025

Each day read the story of how God sent the gift of His Son, Jesus and put the sticker on that day to count down to our celebration of the birth of Baby Jesus! Then add the suggested item to the bag to give to the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WEEK 1 - HOPE Kick off with hot chocolate. Talk about your favorite Christmases of the past. 30	There was a young couple, Mary and Joseph, who were engaged to be married. One day, God sends the angel, Gabriel, to Mary. Gabriel has some very special news! *Add pasta sauce* 1	Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angel's greeting. Gabriel responds to Mary, saying: Don't be afraid. God is very happy with you!" *Add a box of pasta* 2	Gabriel tells Mary the special news: She will have a baby boy, and the baby will be named Jesus. *Add a box of oatmeal* 3	Gabriel shares with Mary more details of God's plan: "Jesus will be great and will be called God's very own son!" *Add a can of mixed vegetables* 4	Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby, but the angel, Gabriel, assures her: Nothing is impossible with God. *Add a can of soup* 5	"I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen," Mary tells the angel, and he leaves. *Add Spaghetti O's or a lunch item* 6
WEEK 2 - LOVE Ask everyone to write and mail a personalized Christmas card to someone they choose. 7	Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth,who is also pregnant and is so overwhelmed with God's goodness, she sings a song of praise. *Add a box of mashed potatoes* 8	Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so people go back to their hometown to be registered and counted. *Add gravy or broth* 9	Joseph brings Mary, who is pregnant, to his hometown of Bethlehem to be counted and the time comes for the baby to be born. *Add a bag of beans (any variety)* 10	Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths, and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else. *Add another box of oatmeal* 11	At night in a nearby field, shepherds are watching their flocks. The sky lights up—God has sent an angel to the shepherds to tell them the good news of Jesus' birth. *Add another bag of beans (any variety)* 12	The shepherds are afraid! The angel tries to calm the shepherds, saying: "Don't be afraid. I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!" *Add a box or bag of rice* 13
WEEK 3- JOY Take a car ride or walk on foot to see Christmas lights and decorations in your community. 14	"A Savior, the Rescuer you have been waiting for, is born today!" the angel proclaims to the shepherds. *Add canned meat (Spam, sardines, pink salmon, chicken, tuna)* 15	The angel explains the shepherds will find the Savior, a baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. *Add a cake or cookie mix* 16	More angels come to celebrate the good news—they arrive at the shepherd's field and begin praising God! *Add cookies or crackers* 17	The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger. *Add a condiment* 18	After they see the baby, the shepherds excitedly go and tell the good news to everyone they see! *Add another box of potatoes (scalloped or au gratin)* 19	The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they have seen and heard. Mary names the baby Jesus, just as the angel told her to do. *Add some baby food.* 20
WEEK 4 - PEACE *Bring your bag of food to worship. ** 21	God has sent Jesus to rescue us because God loves us so very much! 22	**Call or FaceTime a family member and sing them a Christmas carol.** 23	**Christmas Eve Services:** Come and celebrate with Haymarket Church at 4:30 or 7 PM. **You can still bring your bag to worship through Dec. 30 or deliver it to any food pantry.* 24	**Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!** Merry Christmas 25	**December 24 Services** at Haymarket Elementary School (15500 Learning Ln, Haymarket, VA) • **4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service with Pop-Up Kids Pageant** - Our family-friendly service includes carols, Scripture reading, communion, and candlelight. Nursery care will be available. Worship will also include a special pop-up children's Christmas pageant—all children may participate, and no rehearsal necessary. • **7 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** - This service will be a quieter, more reflective service. It will include carols, Scripture reading, communion, and candlelight. Nursery care will be available.	