

ADVENT FAMILY DINNER QUESTIONS

During dinner, explore some of the most meaningful aspects of Advent. Below is a list of questions that you can cut out and place in a jar. Have each child pull out a question, and learn and grow together as you take turns answering. You might have time for two or three questions per meal.

What's more important than gifts during Christmas?

What's the most meaningful Christmas gift you've ever received?

What's the best Christmas gift you've ever given someone else?

What's your favorite ornament? Is there a story or meaning behind it?

Why do you think Jesus came to earth?

If you could spend Christmas anywhere in the world, where would you choose?

How can you remember Christ more during the Christmas season?

What are the "signs" of Christmas that make you realize it's coming soon?

What does *hope* mean?

How do you think Jesus brings hope?

What is *peace*?

How do you think Jesus brings peace?

What is *joy*?

What's the difference between joy and happiness?

How do you think Jesus brings joy?

What's the difference between joy and hope?

What does *love* mean?

When is a time you felt loved by your family?

How do you think Jesus brings love?

What's your favorite Christmas tradition?

If you could change one thing about how our family celebrates Christmas this year, what would it be?

If you could give one gift to every child in the world for Christmas this year, what would it be?

If you could start a new family Christmas tradition, what would it be?

Read Luke 1:26–38. When the angel comes to Mary, everything in her life changes. How has God changed your life?

If you didn't have a Christmas tree, what else would you want to decorate?

Read Luke 1:46–55. Mary is remembering and celebrating the great things God has done for her. Name three great things that God has done for you.

Read Luke 2:1–14. What's something new that stood out as you read the story of Jesus' birth?

Read Luke 2:8–20. Describe what you think the shepherds might have been feeling ... when they saw the angels ... when they saw Messiah.

If you could ask Mary and Joseph three questions, what would you ask?

What do you feel most hopeful for?

If a friend asked you to define Christmas, what would you say?

How can you bring more peace to your family?

When was a time you felt the most joy?

What's your favorite Christmas song and Christmas movie?