



❄️ DAY 1 ❄️

HE'S COMING!

People wait for a King to come. LUKE 2:25, 38

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:: EXPLORE BEFORE ::
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SUPPLIES: A clear plastic bottle of soda (This can be messy. Consider doing the activity in a laundry room, garage, or outside)

Before starting the devotional whisper to your child, “Guess what? It’s coming.” Don’t tell him what’s coming. Build his anticipation by smiling and saying from time to time, “Guess what? It’s coming!” When he begs to know what, say, “Soon. Real soon.”

When he can’t bear the suspense any longer, hand him the bottle of soda. Then read the story.

Years ago, the people of Israel waited for the Messiah, a King who would save them. You’ve been waiting for a few minutes. The people of Israel waited for hundreds of years.

Your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation
(Zechariah 9:9 NKJV).



“When is He coming?” asked the moms.

“I hope He comes soon,” said the dads.

“We can’t wait!” said all the boys and the girls.

And so they waited. (*Have your child shake the bottle and watch what happens to the bubbles inside.*) And they waited. (*Shake the bottle harder and watch the bubbles.*) And they waited. (*Shake the bottle as hard as you can.*)



They waited until they were bursting inside. One day God said, “Guess what? It’s time. The King is on His way!” (*Take the cap off and let the foam bubble over.*)

After hundreds of years, the King was coming! A King who would bring hope, joy, peace, light, and love to the world.

At Christmastime, you celebrate the coming of this King—Jesus. As you read the Christmas story from beginning to end during the next twenty-four days, you’ll count down the days to Christmas—the day of Jesus’s coming.

So what’s coming? Christmas is coming!



Name Alert





:: ADVENT ADVENTURE: NAMES OF JESUS WREATH ::

During the next twenty-four days, use this wreath to emphasize the names of Jesus. Add an ornament to the wreath each time you find a name of Jesus within the italicized Scripture verse(s) each day.

SUPPLIES: A wreath, 15 small plain ball ornaments, permanent markers (consider gold or silver to go with the holiday theme)

DIRECTIONS:

- Every time you hear a name of Jesus in the story for the day, use the marker to write that name on the ball ornament.
- Decorate the ornament with stripes, polka dots, squiggles, or swirls.
- Hang the ornament on the wreath.

By the end of 25 days, you'll have a beautiful handcrafted wreath that illustrates the meaning of Christmas.





I W O N D E R



Where does a circle start? Where does it end?



God has no beginning and no end, just like a circle, the shape of your wreath. He always was and always will be; He never stops being God. Whenever you see your wreath, remember that God is always _____ (fill in the blank with the name on the ornaments, e.g., King).

P R A Y E R T O S H A R E

Dear God, I'm so excited for Christmas I could burst. Thank You for sending Jesus. I can't wait to celebrate His birthday. Amen.



CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

It's coming! It's coming!
Christmas is coming!
Only ___ more days until Christmas!

