



**Claire Brenneman Ruth**

November 26 at 10:09am ·

Any favorite daily Advent activities for families with toddlers? I'd love to get some traditions started that daily remind us of the True Reason for the Season and focus on Jesus. Thanks!

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**[Redacted]** An empty manger (think decorated shoebox for littles) you add a piece of "straw" (real or construction paper or paper shred) each day...by Christmas you have a welcoming place for baby Jesus. xoxo

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**[Redacted]** Traveling wisemen. They start their journey toward the creche and move a little closer through the house each day.

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**[Redacted]** Jesus Storybook Bible Advent reading list in Pinterest 😊

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**[Redacted]** I was going to suggest this 😊  
I printed it out on slips of paper a few years ago and I keep it in an advent calendar we use every year.

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**[Redacted]** Thanks for mentioning this! We have the Jesus Storybook Bible. That's awesome there's an advent reading list that goes with it!!

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**[Redacted]** Toddler friendly Manger scene with large unbreakable characters. Hold a figure achieve day and thank God for their part in the story. Go through the events again each week. Repetition is good for all of us.

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**[Redacted]** Melissa and Doug has a cute wooden nativity that I was going to get for our daughter. Amazon has the best price right now. Seems like a tangible thing 😊

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**[Redacted]** We do What God wants for Christmas. Started it around age 3.

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**[Redacted]** Check out my most recent blog post I just posted! 😊

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**[Redacted]** Love these ideas 😊

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**[Redacted]** When we were little, we had countdowns that had a verse and a little piece of candy each day. We enjoyed that.

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**[Redacted]** We have a basket of books by the fireplace/tree; one for each day December 1-25. Each is wrapped so they don't know which one is which. There's a ton of Christ centered Christmas books out there. The great thing about is they get to unwrap a new book everyday, it can be the same 25 books for a few years (or just change 2-3 books each year) since it's still a surprise being wrapped. Each night a new book is unwrapped and read, it has been AWESOME! Hope you find something that fits with your family.

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**[Redacted]** What are some of the books titles? I was just going to order some Christ centered books on Amazon for our 2 year old.

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**[Redacted]** I ordered all mine on Amazon! They have a deal if you buy \$25 in holiday books use "HOLIDAYBOOK" at checkout for \$10 off! Let me post some screenshots of the books I have...

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**[Redacted]** There's 4-5 books by Crystal Bowman, Christmas in

a Manger, Happy Birthday Jesus, The Christmas Baby, Humphrey's First Christmas, God Bless Our Christmas, God Gave Us Christmas, we also have a few classics like the 12 Days of Christmas (found at a thrift store), Mickey's Christmas Carol, and Little Blue Truck's Christmas, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, etc. I'd say 20/25 are Christ centered and most all came from Amazon. It took us the past three Christmases to finally have 25 books! It's quite a hunt but so fun!



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I found this neat garland on clearance at world market after last Christmas to we can pin up what number day we are on in unwrapping books. Hope you find some good ones for your little one! My oldest is three and is really understanding Christmas for the first year but I don't doubt reading so much about it lead to him understanding!



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I got the Christmas in a manger book and a couple others and a kids nativity scene to start for this year thanks for all the suggestions!

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Jesse tree is awesome...

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We are going to start star from afar this year. The wise men follow the star around your house until Christmas when they all end up at the nativity scene. Book and verses to go along! Looks cute.

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Also check out light 'em up! Sweet ideas we are going to try to simplify for this coming month

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I do a reverse advent activity. I take a box & everyday I add a can of food, a pair of gloves, a candle, etc. Then on Christmas Eve I donate it to a person who can take it to a women's shelter.

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**Claire Brennehan Ruth** I LOVE these ideas, y'all!! Thank you so much! Keep 'em coming!

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