

Advent Messages for Advent “Calendar” Wreath (number 4)
(cut and glue onto cut wrapping paper)

1. Read: Genesis 1:1-5

Make a list of all the kinds of light you can see in your home, starting with this room...and then all the other kinds you can think of.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, then everything will be very good.

2. Read: Genesis 3:22-24

Has anybody ever surprised you by turning on a light?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may know where I am wrong, and ask for your forgiveness.

3. Read: John 1:9-12

Where is the nearest traffic light to your home? Do people always obey it?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, and keep me safe wherever I go.

4. Read: Exodus 3:1-6

Look around. Is there anything in the room that wasn't here yesterday? Anything that wasn't there last week?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may never lose sight of you.

5. Read: Numbers 9:15-23

Is God's Word kind of like that bright cloud for us? Day and night its message shines to lead us on God's way. Do you see a bright cloud today?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, so I may be sure you are always near.

6. Read: Matthew 17:1-8

Did you just read about the bright cloud again...and how bright JESUS was too? Say aloud "WOW!"

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, brighter and brighter every day.

7. Read: John 1:1-5

Jesus was the light that came into the world. How does Jesus brighten your family's life?

Sing in my heart, Lord Jesus, and shine in my home as well.

8. Read John 18:18

How is your home heated?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Let your Holy Spirit keep me warm and comfy.

9. Read: John 21:1-9

Name some of your favorite holiday foods. Pick one. How long does the stove or oven have to be on to make that favorite food?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, and make me thankful for every good thing you provide.

10. Matthew 21:6-10

Are there any special Christmas lights on the outside of the place where you live? How many? What's your favorite?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus; you are always welcome there!

11. Read: Isaiah 11:1 and 10

How many lights go on your tree? Is there any way of knowing exactly? Any way of guessing how many?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, and make my whole life sparkle for you.

12: Read: 2 Corinthians 4:5-7

What kind of sparkly ornaments do you have? Are any in other shapes besides round? Does that make a difference in the way they sparkle?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may reflect your glory and glisten with your love.

13. Read: Matthew 5:14-16

What good thing did you do today that someone else was able to see?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, so that others may know that you are living there

14. Read: Acts 2:16-18

Sing "Happy birthday" for someone who was born in the Christmas season (even if that person isn't here).

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, be part of every celebration.

15. Read Mark 9:2-5

All day today try to picture yourself with a halo around your head. It's true: Jesus came to make YOU a special child of God!

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, and let me glow with your very special love.

16. Read: Psalm 23:4-6

Ask your friends (and maybe people like your cousins) what kinds of night lights they have. Do grandparents have night lights too?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. It's nice to have you there!

17. Read: John 8:12

Of all the holiday specials on TV (or of all your Christmas videos), which one do you think does the best job of telling the real story of why Jesus was born?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may learn more and more about you.

18. Read: Deuteronomy 6:4 and 8

What is your favorite picture of yourself? When was it taken? Where? Who took it? Why is it your favorite? Does anyone else have a copy?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I will smile and try to look my best.

19. Read: Psalm 119:104-105

Can you find out what time the sun rose this morning, and the time of sunset this evening? It's the time of year when headlights are needed a lot!

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, that I may know the way to go.

20. Read: Revelation 22:5

Look around your house. Is there a sign or a plaque or a picture that has the word "welcome" on it?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I'm glad you are coming.

21. Read: Luke 1:8-15

Are there candles where you got to church? Who lights them? What other kinds of light are there?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, so that I may hear your Word and trust your promises.

22. Read: Luke 2:1-7

Do you know someone who may feel lonely or left out? Is there any way you can invite that person in?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. There's room in my heart for you.

23. Read: Luke 2:8

Do you know any "campfire songs?" Even though they're not Christmas carols, maybe you could sing some now.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. Help me to look forward to even brighter glory.

24. Read: Luke 2:9-14

Outside of the sun, what is the brightest light that you have ever seen?

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, brighter than anything else!

25. Read: Luke 2:15-20

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus, so that I may always see your light.