

An Advent Family Paper Chain

The Names of Jesus

This is a simple activity for families to share during the Advent season. All you need is a Bible, several sheets of purple construction paper, a few sheets of white paper, a gold or silver pen and a stapler.

Cut the names of Jesus and the scriptural citation (found below) where it is found in the Bible. I put these paper strips in a small purple bowl. Make one "special" piece with the "Savior" name and citation on it to save for last. Cut 25 pieces of purple construction paper and 1 white piece in lengths sufficient to make rings for a paper chain. and put them in another bowl or basket with the pen.

Each evening as you light your Advent wreath or before you say grace, have a member of your family draw one slip from the bowl with the names of Jesus in it. Ask another family member to find the passage in the Bible and read it out loud. Then have another family member write that name of Jesus onto one of the purple strips of paper. Form it into a loop and staple. Each day in Advent repeat the process. On Christmas Eve, draw the slip with "Savior" on it – write "Savior" on the slip of white paper and attach to your now complete Advent paper chain. I build the chain around our Advent wreath, so that by Christmas Eve we have a chain that circles the wreath.



Jesus

Matthew 1:21

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

Holy One

Mark 1:24

Mighty One

Isaiah 9:6

Lamb of God

John 1:29

Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6

Prince of Life

Acts 3:15

Lord God Almighty

Revelation 15:3

Word of Life

1 John 1:1

Lion

Revelation 5:5

Root of David

Revelation 22:16

Author of our Faith

Hebrews 12:2

Advocate

1 John 1:1

The Way

John 14:6

Dayspring

Luke 1: 78

Lord

Philippians 2:11

Truth

John 14: 6

Messiah

Matthew 1: 18

Righteous Judge

Acts 17:31

Light of the World

John 8:12

King of Kings

Revelation 17:14

Chief Cornerstone

Matthew 21:42

Head of the Church

Ephesians 5:23

Savior

Luke 2:11