

# Get Ready, Celebrate, Rejoice

Inspiration and Activities for the Christmas Season

## ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

### **ADVENT**

- Materials for wreath
- Devotion materials
- Jesse tree/symbols
- Gather stable, straw, manger, and figurines
- Paper links
- Tree/Decorations
- Advent calendar
- Select secret angel
- Greeting cards
- Idea for unexpected gift
- December 5 – St. Nicholas Eve

### **CHRISTMAS SEASON**

- 13 candles for devotion
- Christ candle for wreath
- Devotion materials
- Star/angel to light tree
- Worship service schedule
- Bags, votives for luminaries
- White candles – New Year
- Christmas caroling
- Activity night supplies
- Video recorder

### **WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT?**

- Calendar and jar for Jesus' birthday gift
- Birthday cake for Jesus
- Invitation to someone in need
- Gather/make props for Gift Devotion
- Gifts for others
- Gift certificates, coupons
- Recycled treasures
- Unexpected gift

## HEART INVENTORY

- "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"  
Matthew 6:33
- "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"  
John 6:68
- "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth"  
Acts 1:8
- "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me... will never die"  
John 11:25,26
- "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will"  
Romans 12:2
- "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it"  
Hebrews 13:2
- "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"  
Matthew 25:37

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## EPIPHANY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts                         | <input type="checkbox"/> "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"<br>John 14:27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crown cake/jelly beans        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra candles                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Select king/queen             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devotion materials            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Empty box for Advent supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"<br>Matthew 28:20  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper for notes               |  |

## LEARNING FROM OTHERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to neighbors                     | <input type="checkbox"/> "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"<br>Hebrews 10:24                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in cooperative activities |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for advice                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accept help                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help someone else                     | <input type="checkbox"/> "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing"<br>1 Thessalonians 5:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skit                                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop                              |   |

We encourage you to use this activity checklist and heart inventory to help you focus on what is important throughout Advent, and through the Christmas season to Epiphany.