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Song of the Stars

Amidst the bright lights and wrappings of a sentimentally saturated Christmas season, we tend to forget about the gritty, messy reality of the Advent story as it was experienced 2,000 years ago. In this honest Advent devotional, best-selling progressive Christian author John Pavlovitz reminds us that God came to meet us in the low places of our lives — and that Jesus continues to come low this Advent season. When we plant our feet firmly in the dirt of everyday life, we see Jesus meeting us in the low places: when we live humbly, when we seek forgiveness, in our grief and suffering, when we act on behalf of someone else, when we pray. As we walk the road of Advent, Jesus reminds us the invitation is not to escape this world to an elevated Heaven somewhere else, but to bring Heaven down. “God with us” is Jesus, getting low. Each devotional includes a scripture and Advent reflection on Jesus meeting us on the ground.

The Advent Storybook

Mary and Joseph's Journey to Bethlehem

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

Advent with Our Lady of Fatima

Experience the stories of Advent in a vibrant, new way this year as you Color Advent! In a collection of stories from both testaments, explore prophecies of the

coming Messiah, the humble birth of Jesus, and the time-honored first worshippers at Epiphany. Each day has a new scripture for reflection as you create your own scenes and color a story you've known your whole life -- one that becomes more meaningful with every year. Make Coloring Advent part of your journey to Bethlehem!

The Road Back to Christ

Spend this Advent with Our Lady of Fatima and with six saintly souls who were particularly devoted to her: St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, Fr. Andrew Apostoli, and the Three Shepherd Children to whom Mary appeared in 1917! In these spiritually-rich pages, award-winning Catholic author Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle brings you powerful prayers and readings guaranteed to shield you from the annual holiday sales frenzy that, during the holy season of Advent, distracts even sincere believers from preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. These wise pages are sure to draw you closer to Our Lady of Fatima and her gracious messages of peace and hope. For these Advent prayers and readings are all rooted in Mary's 1917 messages to Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia (the three young Fatima visionaries); and in the personal Fatima devotions of three of our holy contemporaries, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. John Paul II, and the late Fr. Andrew Apostoli. Reflecting on Advent through their lives and words, you will also learn: The prayers of adoration the Angel taught Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia What Fr. Andrew considered the most important of Our Lady's Fatima requests How St. John Paul II fulfilled the Third Secret of Fatima — and why he credits Our Lady with saving his life! How, in his final months, Fr. Andrew radically fulfilled Our Lady's Fatima requests The role Mother Teresa secretly played in the consecration of Russia Why, particularly in Advent, you must pray for Our Lady's Immaculate Heart to triumph And much more to help you grow closer to Our Lady and keep your Advent frenzy-free. With the sure guidance of Our Lady of Fatima and these six saintly souls who loved her intensely, the frustrations of our modern Christmas seasons will soon melt away. Advent will become for you a period of expectant waiting and a time of joy and hope, as you experience within you an ever-growing desire for the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Coloring/Activity Book 6-10 Christmas Hidden Pictures

Travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a unique look at the birth of Christ.

The Journey: A Season of Reflections

Monthly current affairs magazine from a Christian perspective with a focus on politics, society, economics and culture.

LET ALL CREATION REJOICE

HEAR THE CHRISTMAS STORY AS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE MAKE THE JOURNEY TO THE MANGER ALONG WITH MARY AND JOSEPH, THE SHEPHERDS AND THE MAGI Has the Christmas season become the most stressful time of the year instead of the most wonderful time? Do you struggle to keep Christ in

Christmas? The story of the Nativity is told in a mere 40 verses of scripture-19 in the Gospel of Matthew, 20 in the Gospel of Luke and 1 in the Gospel of John. Yet nearly each word of every verse is packed with meaning. We are all familiar with holiday words like "joy" and "glory." Have you ever wondered about their deeper meaning? The glory of the Lord (Luke 2:9) is not just part of the Christmas story but something we can experience in our own lives. Joy reminds us of the child-like innocence we used to have and can recapture. In Luke 2:20 we read "And the shepherds returned." The shepherds were still shepherds; witnessing the miracle of the Incarnation of Christ didn't change their status. It changed their hearts. Let All Creation Rejoice: Reflections for Advent, the Nativity and Epiphany is a series of short daily reflections on the scripture readings of the season, to be read during the Orthodox Christian Advent and Nativity season between November 15 and January 7. Spending a few minutes each day reading and reflecting on these scriptures will not change your status either. It will change your heart. You will better understand the "good news of a great joy," and why "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." AND AS YOU PREPARE TO AGAIN CELEBRATE GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO US, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER WITH A MORE GRATEFUL HEART YOUR GIFTS TO HIM. Father Stavros N. Akrotirianakis is a Greek Orthodox Priest who serves St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, Florida."

Living the Days of Advent and the Christmas Season 2010

Reproducible coloring and activity book for ages 6-10 for home or classroom use.

All Is Bright

Highlights holidays such as Christmas, Easter, and Independence Day by addressing the true meaning behind each day, and teaches young girls to practice a new appreciation for the religious aspects of each.

We Light the Candles

Offers guidance for taking part in the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree, with scriptural passages, devotions, and activities intended to apply their themes.

Advent - Bible Study Book

This charming devotional book takes readers on an inward journey to the miracle of Christ's birth in the little town of Bethlehem. Many who will read this book probably haven't actually traveled to Bethlehem. "But that is of little consequence to the adventure of arriving there, to the adventure of discovery that awaits the mystery and wonder in the birth of Jesus," Todd Outcalt writes. The devotions are both personal and challenging. "I hope readers can discover something new that they may have overlooked in the old, old story," says Outcalt. It's important to stay alert on the pilgrimage to Bethlehem, Outcalt reminds readers, for they may encounter Jesus in unexpected moments and surprising people or when they are most tired or confused. "The way to Bethlehem is saturated with stops and starts, with both darkness and light, with angels and the common touch of shepherds,"

writes Outcalt. *Let Us Go Now to Bethlehem* contains devotions for the 28 days of Advent, the 12 days of Christmas, and the day of Epiphany. For small-group leaders, the book includes a 6-week study guide with weekly questions for reflection and conversation, a suggested scripture passage for each week, and an invitation to ponder the happenings of that week. As the Gospel of Luke attests, *Let Us Go Now to Bethlehem* is both an expectant declaration filled with mystery and a declaration of faith. Each day can offer these same expectations and wonders for readers if they open themselves to awe and joy.

Catholic All Day

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM by Ronald B. Cox My message for the reader: My dear Friends, Soon we will be entering the most wonderful season of Advent. For the Christian Church, this is the beginning of the new year. First, I would ask that you make a point to enter into the spirit of Advent. The word 'advent' is Latin for 'a coming or arrival'. The idea behind it is that God came to earthly life and lived among us. It is something to celebrate and rejoice. Advent is also a season of preparation. In Advent, we thank God for Christ's first coming, prepare for his final coming at the end of time, and celebrate Christ's presence among us today through the Spirit. Second, I would encourage you to find the time to be in church. Many people feel that Christmas has been hijacked by popular culture. For me, I love all of the secular songs and traditions. However, without the foundation of knowing and believing that Christ is at the center of Advent, the rest becomes unsatisfying. Third, this little book is a Christmas devotional divided into twenty-eight short chapters. I would encourage you not to read ahead. Take a minute each day to follow the adventures of Wait a minute, I better stop or I will spoil the story for you. (I hope you're not one of those people who jump to the end to read the last chapter first.) Fourth, I hope that in some way this story will help you on your journey to greet the newborn king. Fifth, have a joy-filled and safe Advent and Christmas. Pax, Ron

Advent Storybook

The season of Advent provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal for followers of Christ. But often what happens is that we get so caught up in the hurry and rush, the hustle and bustle, the frantic pace of the season that we emerge more spiritually exhausted than refreshed, more disillusioned than inspired to face the coming of a new year. We may have tried so hard to enjoy the holiday season, to recapture a sense of wonder and mystery, only to end up asking, "Is that all there is?" The purpose of *Advent, A Calendar of Devotions 2013* is to help you focus on the things that truly matter during this busy season, so that you can experience spiritual renewal. *Advent, A Calendar of Devotions 2013* is a booklet of daily devotions for the season of Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) that helps you step back from the bustle and stress of the season and prepare your heart and mind to rejoice in God's loving gift, Jesus Christ. Each daily devotion includes a recommended Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring message, and an uplifting prayer.

Jesus, Our Life

Offers a rich array of creative all-age material designed to bring to life the Common Worship liturgy for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

ThirdWay

This booklet of prayers is a comprehensive collection of Catholic prayers you might wish to use on any given day, but NOT with the expectation that you would use every prayer every day, or even that you would use every prayer ever! Prayers are included that are traditionally used at different times of day. For instance, the Morning Offering, the noon Angelus, the 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, and night prayers. Also included are prayers for before and after Mass, meals, and work, and various prayers you might wish to offer for other people. You'll find prayers for traditional devotions like a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary. If you are just beginning to include regular prayer in your daily life, it's best to start in a small and manageable way, with perhaps a Morning Offering and Grace Before Meals. Then, as you become more used to the habit, you can slowly add in new prayers and devotions, like a noon Angelus, a daily family Rosary, and an Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition at night. If you are able to add daily Mass, a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and/or the Sacrament of Confession to your weekly routine, you can use the included prayers here to help you prepare and focus. For prayers, hymns, blessings, and devotions that pertain to particular feast days and seasons of the liturgical calendar, see the Catholic All Year monthly prayer booklets. For an introduction to the concept of liturgical living in the home, and ideas for how to bring the Catholic faith into daily life for you and your family, please see *The Catholic All Year Compendium: Liturgical Living for Real Life*.

The Living Nativity

Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. *The Living Nativity* introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. *The Living Nativity* explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. *The Living Nativity* provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week.

Together for a Season - Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

A popular "page-a-day" calendar for spiritual reflections and meditations during Advent and Christmastide.

The Christmas Almanack

An updated guide to celebrating a traditional Christmas features a collection of facts and popular lore that has accumulated around the holiday from the first Christmas to the present, accompanied by recipes, sheet music, decorating tips, international traditions and customs, poetry, and trivia. Original. 15,000 first printing.

The Gospel According to Matthew

Take a Christmas break and sit down with pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton as he guides you through a four-week devotional based on the most joyous event in history. Created for individual use or as a companion to the primary book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, you'll find short, reflective devotions combined with Scripture readings and heartfelt prayers. Each daily devotional is designed to draw you in to a closer fellowship with God as you reflect and respond to this Christmas season. *The Journey: A Season of Reflections* is a great gift idea for family, friends, teachers, and ministry leaders. *The Journey: A Season of Reflections*, a four-week devotional created for individual use or as a companion to the primary book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, is a great gift idea for family, friends, teachers, and ministry leaders. You'll find short, reflective devotions combined with Scripture readings and heartfelt prayers. Each daily devotional is designed to draw you in to a closer fellowship with God as you reflect and respond to this Christmas season. "If you think you know the story of Jesus' birth, think again! This wonderful book sets us on a journey to the times and characters of Christmas so that we experience the birth of Christ in our lives in a new way." —Joel C. Hunter, author of *Church Distributed*

Unwrapping the Greatest Gift

Joachim discovers a magic Advent calendar which contains the story of a little girl who traveled through time to be present at the birth of Jesus.

The Journey

In Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. The book provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike. As part of a larger four-week study that is perfect for Advent, it includes a DVD and a comprehensive leader guide.

Risen Motherhood

God knows All Children Are Good. Find out how he sends this little angel through Bethlehem and to your house too, sharing this message. Makes a wonderful

alternative to Elf on the Shelf.

Celebrating Advent

A PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER *Motherhood is hard*. In a world of five-step lists and silver-bullet solutions to become perfect parents, mothers are burdened with mixed messages about who they are and what choices they should make. If you feel pulled between high-fives and hard words, with culture's solutions only raising more questions, you're not alone. But there is hope. You might think that Scripture doesn't have much to say about the food you make for breakfast, how you view your postpartum body, or what school choice you make for your children, but a deeper look reveals that the Bible provides the framework for finding answers to your specific questions about modern motherhood. Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler help you understand and apply the gospel to common issues moms face so you can connect your Sunday morning faith to the Monday morning tantrum. Discover how closely the gospel connects with today's motherhood. Join Emily and Laura as they walk through the redemptive story and reveal how the gospel applies to your everyday life, bringing hope, freedom, and joy in every area of motherhood.

A Christmas Carousel

Coloring Advent

Offers a part of a story for each day of Advent, discusses the traditions and symbolism of the holiday period, and tells how to make an Advent wreath.

The Christmas Mystery

Jotham's Journey

Add *The Advent Storybook* to your family holiday traditions and enjoy the rich images and thoughtful retellings of ancient stories that feature God's recurring, faithful promise to rescue us. A simple question at the end of each story helps readers engage in understanding the bigger story God wants us all to know—the good news of Jesus coming to save us. Parents and children alike will delight in the biblical messages of joy, hope, and peace every day as they look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth.

The Year 'Round Holiday Book

The Road Back to Christ: Reflections on Lent, Holy Week and the Resurrection is a series of short daily reflections on the scripture readings of Holy Week and the accounts of the Resurrection and post-Resurrection appearances of Christ. Designed to guide its readers through the journey, it will both inspire and reinvigorate your faith through meditation, prayer, and a deeper understanding of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Advent: A Calendar of Devotions 2013

Experience the Christmas season anew this year by studying Advent, why we celebrate it, and how it fuels our worship of Jesus. Understand the anticipation and waiting the Old Testament world endured, the joy and new life signaled by the coming of Christ, and the way Advent points to the glory of God still to come. (5 sessions) Features: Beautiful, full-color designed pages to ready participants for the Christmas season Personal study segments to complete between 5 weeks of group sessions Weekly activities for adults, teens, and kids Tips to guide discussion within small groups Benefits: Fuel your worship of Christ with a deeper understanding of Advent. Grasp God's character and His work on behalf of His people, in the past and present, as a catalyst to a more intimate relationship with Him. Learn how to practically extend joy, hope, peace, and love to others during the holiday season.

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Families will treasure this fresh perspective on the nativity for years to come. Song of the Stars, written by bestselling author Sally Lloyd-Jones, enhances Advent traditions and adds depth to Christmas Eve readings of the Christmas Story. Beautifully illustrated and told from the perspective of the animals and all creation, Song of the Stars features: Easy-to-read text perfect for ages 4–8 that explores the joy, excitement, and celebration of creation and the coming of Jesus Meaningful text that discusses the concept behind observing Advent This gorgeous picture book is great for Christmas-themed story times and a thoughtful addition for your family library that will be treasured for many years.

Story of Christmas With Its Own Advent Calendar

This is a creative way to celebrate Advent, especially for smaller congregations. Based on an Advent calendar theme, it uses a many children as are available and one adult, and requires little rehearsal. Simple instructions are included for preparing an Advent calendar, ornaments, and reading cards.

A Guinea Pig Nativity

Benjamin Bear is so impatient for Christmas to come. To help the time pass more quickly, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--""twenty-four stories all about another little bear and his long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. The little bear, led by a glittering star, meets many others on his travels across hot deserts, snowy mountains, and through dark, lonely nights. His adventures, filled with acts of heroism and kindness and many small miracles, show him the path to the Christ Child. And by journey's end Benjamin Bear--""and all youngsters who share the stories and their simple morals along with him--""will understand and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

The Little Christmas Angel

Wonderfully illustrated three-dimensional pages that double as an advent calendar, and, when not used as a book, as a free-standing holiday decoration, retell the Christmas tale of Baby Jesus.

Let Us Go Now to Bethlehem

You know the story Mary and Joseph make the journey to Bethlehem, only to find there's no room at the inn. Then along come angels, shepherds and three kings from afar to worship the baby Jesus in the manger. A Guinea Pig Nativity is the classic Christmas story as you've never seen it before: with (you guessed it) guinea pigs photographed in the starring roles. Sweet, humble and funny, they bring their own guinea-pig-joyfulness to the nativity in a way that is completely irresistible. It's the perfect stocking filler!

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

We Light the Candles, first published in 1991, has become a classic for family-centered activities during Advent. New illustrations, and revised content make this new edition perfect for bringing spiritual meaning and depth to this busy season. It includes weekly simple activities, history and instructions for Advent Wreaths, prayers and readings, and more.

Countdown to Christmas

Your family will have fun counting down the days to Jesus' birth with this interactive advent calendar that's full of surprises. Each day, your children will look forward to opening doors and peeking in windows that reveal a bit of the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. After all the flaps have been opened, the calendar can be unfolded into the shape of a lantern.

The Newlywed Handbook

The perfect gift for the creatives and coloring-book lovers in your life! Includes bonus activities and kid-friendly coloring pages for the whole family! This Christmas season, celebrate the birth of our Savior through beautiful design and devotion. Grab your colored pencils, cozy up with your favorite blanket and a cup of tea, and settle in for a night of peace and wonder with All Is Bright. For lovers of the Secret Garden and Enchanted Forest coloring books, All Is Bright is the perfect way to transform the Advent and Christmas seasons for your whole family, re-centering the holidays on the miracle of Jesus' birth. Combining 31 days of rich content by the beloved and inspirational Nancy Guthrie with intricate designs that will reconnect you with the heart of Christ, this coloring book devotional journey reminds us all of what the season really calls us to: worship.

Light of the World

Children love to watch a story unfold and these three board books reveal part of a

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