

THE MOVENTURE OF . CHRISTMAS

A journey through advent for churches & families



INTRODUCING

The Adventure of Christmas



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The first Christmas was an adventure like no other.

The angels blazed brighter than any Christmas lights.

Mary's experience was more surprising than the most chaotic festive family gathering.

Joseph's journey to Bethlehem was harder than any road trip to relatives.

The shepherd's midnight arrival, bursting into the silence, was more entertaining than any family film night.

The wise men's gifts were more precious than any sparkly, wrapped present.

As we take children on this adventure, they will understand that their Christmas can be full of the same kindness shown to Mary, the same joy felt by the shepherds and the same worship given by the wise men.

Join the Adventure of Christmas!

In this seasonal series you will find a Christmas buffet of resource treats. The four flexible sessions have been written so that you can fill your plate with what you and your church family need this Christmas.



Use the lesson plans as a Sunday School series or in an after–school club setting. The Bible story script could be used as a kids slot. Take these flexible plans and adapt them for your own context.



Use the All-Welcome Service outlines as the basis for services suitable for everyone – young and old, church family and visitors alike.



Use the Family Adventure booklet as a tool to partner with families. Send this home to give parents a helping hand in enjoying the adventure of the first Christmas with their children.



Combine elements from different weeks to create your own whole-Christmas-story extravaganza (e.g. Christmas festival service or outdoor Nativity Adventure)









	Lesson Title	Passage	Big Idea	Faith in Kids looks like
1	Mary's Adventure	Luke 1:26-38	The son of God comes to live with ordinary people like us.	Children who are delighted to be followers of a great and loving king, Jesus.
2	Joseph's Adventure	Matt 1:18-25	Jesus is God's son coming to save us from our sins.	Children who are comforted by God's presence and confident of God's care.
3	Shepherd's Adventure	Luke 2:8-18	God invites us to meet the Saviour, no matter who we are.	Children who are excited that they are invited to know Jesus and enthusiastic to share him with others.
4	Wise men's Adventure	Matt 2:1-12	Understanding who Jesus is makes us worship him joyfully.	Children who love Jesus and value living for him even when that is costly.

Faith is formed when families and churches work together to raise their children. Our hope is that while their local church runs through this resource, families will enjoy *The Adventure of Christmas* book – a series of 10-minute family Advent Bible times. These have been written for the families who have never opened the Bible together, as well as those who love to do it, with questions for every age group. And don't forget to buy the <u>Advent Calendar</u> as well, with stickers to keep your family inspired to get to the end of the adventure.

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