



ADVENT 2026

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■ WELCOME

Thank you for choosing Faith Inkubators Advent 2026. This resource is designed to be genuinely flexible: use it as a complete stand-alone Advent series, as a complement to your existing programming, or simply as a toolbox — pulling individual pieces like the PowerPoint presentations, drama skits, Bible verse songs, or small group activities to enhance what you already do. However you use it, everything is here and ready to go.

Before you dive in, take a few minutes to work through these planning questions. Your answers will shape how Advent comes to life in your congregation:

Setting

Will you use this resource during worship, Sunday school, or a special event?

Timing

How much time do you have? This resource works well in 60, 75, or the optimal 90 minutes.

Space

Will your large group gather in the sanctuary or fellowship hall? Can small groups work around tables? Where will everyone reconvene for the closing?

Food

Is there an opportunity to begin or end with a shared meal or snack? Highly recommended!

Exploring the files and folders below will help you answer these questions and start shaping your Advent plan.

■ WEEKLY PROGRAM OUTLINE

This resource includes two lesson themes — each covering two Sundays — to carry your congregation through all four weeks of Advent.

WEEK 1 (or 3) — THEME UNVEILING

Using the Main PowerPoint Presentation + Main Presentation section of the Leader's Guide

Large Group — Opening and Theme Presentation (approx. 30–40 min)

Kick things off with energy and music, then teach the theme through Bible activities, learning games, and engaging images and analogies.

Small Group — FAITH5 Small Group Time (approx. 20–25 min)

Use the printable Small Group Handout to guide groups through Share, Read, Talk, Pray, and Bless.

Large Group — Wrap Up, Prayer, and Blessing (approx. 10 min)

Bring everyone back together for a quiet, meaningful close. Don't miss the Prayer Journey in your Leader's Guide.

WEEK 2 (or 4) — THEME CELEBRATION

Using the Celebration PowerPoint Presentation + Celebration Notes section of the Leader's Guide

Large Group — Theme Review (approx. 1/3 of your total time)

Review last week's theme using the Celebration PowerPoint. Consider adding slides from the Main Presentation that were cut the previous week.

Small Group — Creative Time (majority of your time)

Focus on theme-based activities and art. Find several options in the Cross+Gen Theme Arts section of your Leader's Guide.

Large Group — Show and Tell + Closing

Reconvene to celebrate everyone's creativity. Close with prayer and blessing.

The PowerPoint slide trays are fully customizable. Add, remove, or rearrange slides to fit your setting and schedule. Think of each tray as a menu of options — you don't need to use every slide. Learn to love the delete key!

■ YOUR FILES AND FOLDERS

Each theme folder follows the same numbered structure. Here's a quick tour of what's inside and how to use it.

THEME 1 — BEHOLD THE SIGNS

Advent Weeks 1 & 2

1 — Leader's Guide

The central planning document for Theme 1. Read it alongside your PowerPoint presentations — it walks through every slide and activity with full instructions.

2 — Small Group Handout

Your printable handout for Small Group Time. Includes FAITH5 discussion questions and special pages for children.

3 — PowerPoint

Two fully customizable slide trays — one for each week.

- Week 1 — Main Presentation
- Week 2 — Celebration

4 — Theme Music — Heaven and Earth

Standalone audio files for the Theme 1 Scripture song. Use as background music before your gathering, during prayer, or for quiet worship moments.

- Vocal • Instrumental • Piano (relaxed arrangement for reflective moments)

5 — FAITH5 Home Devotion Guides

Daily devotion guides for every age group — print and hand out, or email directly to participants. Five versions, so every age group has something made for them.

- Adults • Young Adults • Teens • Older Children • Young Children

6 — FAITH5 Bookmarks

A print-and-cut bookmark for each week — hand out at the gathering or email to participants. Front: weekly theme, Bible verse, and daily scripture readings. Back: FAITH5 steps for home use each night. *Tip: print double-sided with your printer set to flip on the short edge, so the front and back line up correctly before cutting.*

- Week 1 Bookmark • Week 2 Bookmark

7 — Sheet Music — Heaven and Earth

Sheet music for the Theme 1 Scripture song, for use with live musicians. Also makes excellent special music for worship.

8 — Bonus Drama Skits

Two optional cross-generational skits — not part of the printed Leader's Guide, but a fun, memorable way to bring the Advent theme to life through performance. See Leader Instructions inside this folder for full details.

- Bonus Skit 3 — The Watch Party (4 cast members • 8–10 min)
- Bonus Skit 4 — Breaking News (8 cast members • 12–15 min)

THEME 2 — BEHOLD THE SON

Advent Weeks 3 & 4

1 — Leader's Guide

The central planning document for Theme 2. Same structure as Theme 1 — walk through it alongside the Theme 2 PowerPoint presentations.

2 — Small Group Handout

Printable handout for Small Group Time, with FAITH5 discussion questions and age-appropriate pages for children — all updated for Theme 2.

3 — PowerPoint

Two fully customizable slide trays for Weeks 3 and 4.

- Week 3 — Main Presentation
- Week 4 — Celebration

4 — Theme Music — Here Am I

Standalone audio files for the Theme 2 Scripture song. Same three versions as Theme 1 — great for transitions, prayer, and quiet moments.

- Vocal • Instrumental • Piano

5 — FAITH5 Home Devotion Guides

Daily devotion guides for Weeks 3 and 4 — print and hand out, or email directly to participants. All five age versions are included.

- Adults • Young Adults • Teens • Older Children • Young Children

6 — FAITH5 Bookmarks

Print-and-cut bookmarks for Weeks 3 and 4 — hand out at the gathering or email to participants. Each bookmark includes that week's theme, Bible verse, and FAITH5 steps. *Tip: print double-sided with your printer set to flip on the short edge, so the front and back line up correctly before cutting.*

- Week 3 Bookmark • Week 4 Bookmark

7 — Sheet Music — Here Am I

Sheet music for the Theme 2 Scripture song, for use with live musicians or as a standalone worship piece.

8 — Bonus Drama Skits

Two more optional cross-generational skits for Theme 2 — fresh scripts, same format. See Leader Instructions inside this folder for full details.

- Bonus Skit 3 — The Delivery (4 cast members • 8–10 min)
- Bonus Skit 4 — The Planning Committee (8 cast members • 12–15 min)

LEADER'S TOOLBOX

Supplemental Resources

1 — Sermon Aids

Helps pastors and preachers prepare sermons that connect with the Advent themes — illustrations and discussion questions for each week.

2 — Advent Pageant Script

A full-length drama script — a fresh, engaging alternative to the traditional Christmas program. Worth checking out!

■ A FEW THOUGHTS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- **You don't have to use everything.** Each resource is designed to stand on its own. Pull what works for your community and set the rest aside.
- **The PowerPoint is a menu, not a mandate.** Add, remove, or rearrange slides freely. Every congregation is different — make it yours.
- **One rehearsal is enough for the skits.** Actors read from their Actor Sides — no memorization required.
- **The more you use it, the easier it gets.** Each session will feel more natural than the last.
- **We're here to help.** Questions? Reach us anytime at info@faithink.com.

Blessings to you as you experience the gift of Advent in your congregation.

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