



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL FOR KIDMIN LEADERS FREE SAMPLE

Many of our resources and freebies are geared toward the kids and families in your ministry, but this freebie is for YOU, kidmin leader. Here's week 1 from a 4-week Advent devotional written specifically with children's ministry leaders in mind. So block out 20 minutes on your calendar this week, grab your Bible, print the following pages, and spend time with Jesus this Advent season. Praying for you as you place your hope in Him.



If you enjoyed this Advent devotional, download the full month (4 weeks + Christmas Eve/Day) [here](#).



KidMin Leader, this devotional is for YOU!

Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. But it can also be an overwhelming time as you navigate the planning and preparation of Christmas in your KidMin as well as personally at home.

That's why it's important to make time to refresh yourself by spending time with Jesus.

Choose one day each week during Advent to take a 20-minute break to be with Jesus. It can be any day or time, but it helps to be intentional and schedule it on your calendar.

Enjoy this guide in your personal journey with our Savior.

Each week's devotional follows the simple pattern of a GIFT.

Give God 2 minutes of silence

Interact with a verse and devotional thought

Follow up with a prayer

Take the Christmas symbol into your week

Supplies You'll Need Each Week:

- ◆ You can use your own journal or print these 4 weeks of guides to write and doodle on.
- ◆ A 2-minute timer with a gentle alarm.

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WEEK 1: STARS OF HOPE

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Receive this time as a gift from God and a **GIFT** for God.

Give God 2 minutes of silence:

Each week you'll begin by pausing for 2 minutes to rest, be still in God's presence, and focus your heart and mind on Him. Set a timer for 2 minutes. Then close your eyes and breathe deeply. If you have trouble being still and focusing in the silence, use a breath prayer. This week you may want to breathe in and pray something such as, "Jesus," and breathe out and pray, "you are my hope." You can choose whatever prayer words you'd like.

Interact with a verse and devotional thought:

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation'. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain."

Philippians 2:14-16 NIV

Draw a star here on this page or in your journal.

When you think about stars, does your mind go to the glorious lights God placed in the sky that He named one by one? Or the star over Bethlehem? Or do you think about the sparkly, glittery stars that are often part of kids' crafts at church? Let's face it – glitter, sand, rice, or whatever other crafts supplies kids may use make a mess. When it does make a mess, are you quick to grumble? What about other messes that we have to deal with in KidMin... parents that arrive late and/or pick up their kids late; technology that crashes; volunteer shortages; budget cuts; insert your own "mess" here. And that's not to mention the messes in our own personal lives. For any or all messes, there may be grumbling and even arguing involved if we're honest.

But remember... there's always hope!

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Follow up with prayer:

Write a “mess” that includes grumbling or arguing that’s fresh on your mind here:

Now turn the mess into a message to encourage yourself - and maybe even someone else - this week. Write a prayer expressing your hope in Christ Jesus in the mess.

Take the Christmas symbol into your week:

This week you might want to start each day by putting a star sticker on your hand. You probably have plenty in your KidMin supplies already! Then every time you see that star, a kid-crafted star, or a star God placed in the nighttime sky, remember that the race you’re in is not in vain. It’s for Jesus and His kids, and He is well pleased with you.

Keep shining, star!

Later in the week you can add additional thoughts and whispers you hear from God here or in your journal.