



# Christmas Around the World

## A FAMILY ADVENT ADVENTURE

***Grab your passport and let's go on an Advent adventure around the world!***

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Before boarding, print and assemble the **Family Advent Adventure passport**. Here's a **quick video** showing you how.

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We'll depart on our adventure Sunday, Dec. 1. You'll receive a special edition of the Friday Family Email beginning Nov. 29 and each Friday during Advent, with links to the playlists, videos and webpages shared in the passport. We'll make stops in Nepal, Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Mexico, exploring a different country each week of Advent.

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For your travel enjoyment, you'll also receive a family conversation guide that discusses the weekly Scripture passage, pointing your family to Jesus: the Light of the World.

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Once you arrive at your destination, you'll find seven activity ideas to discover more about each country. The itinerary is up to you and your family; complete as many activities as you want! Choose from recipes to make, songs to sing, interesting facts to discover and a video interview with someone living in the country.

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Want to explore more?

- Use Google Translate to see what common phrases sound like in Nepal, Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Mexico.
- Locate each country on a map or globe and spend time learning about its people and places.

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Don't forget grandparents enjoy an adventure, too! Have them join you on the journey with a **special itinerary** just for them.

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We'd love to hear about your trip! Would you email us and let us know how your family is using this Advent resource! Email us at **ChildDiscipleship@awana.org** or reach out to @ChildDiscipleship on Facebook or Instagram!

Enjoy your adventure!

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## READ:

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

## DISCOVER:

Let's start our adventure together in Nepal. Did you know the tallest mountain in the world is in Nepal? *What is it called? How tall is it?*

## TASTE:



**Thukpa** is a vegetable and noodle dish served in Nepal. Try this thukpa recipe with your family!

## SING:



Listen to this playlist to celebrate Christmas with songs from around the world!



Have you ever wondered how Christmas is celebrated around the world? Do kids in Zimbabwe eat Christmas cookies decorated with sprinkles and icing? Do families in Nepal listen to "Jingle Bells" and decorate a Christmas tree with ornaments and lights?

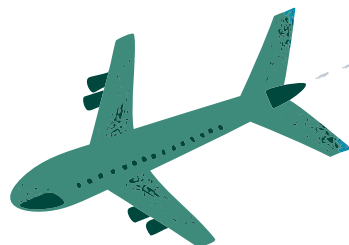
For the next four weeks, we will travel the world together, visiting friends who love Jesus and love celebrating His birth at Christmas, **just like you!** The way we celebrate may be different, but WHO we are celebrating is the same — Jesus, the Light of the World.

## PASSPORT



*A Family Advent Adventure*

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## Zimbabwe



READ:

Luke 1:76–79

DISCOVER:

This week, we are traveling to Zimbabwe together! In Zimbabwe, it's **hot and rainy** in December.

*What is the weather like in December where you live?*

TASTE:



**Sadza** is a food commonly eaten in Zimbabwe, and it can be made with cornmeal and water. Try this sadza recipe with your family.

SING:



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DO:

A few weeks before Christmas, Christians in Nepal go **caroling** at other believers' homes, singing and dancing to Christmas hymns.

Choose someone to encourage this season, with Christmas carols, handmade cards or a visit with cookies.

MEET:



Meet Rachel, a Christian living in Nepal, and learn more about celebrating Christmas in her country.

PRAY:

Pray for the people in Nepal to be free to gather and worship, and for many more children to hear the good news.



You did it!

Check, stamp or add a sticker to complete your first week.

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**You did it!**  
Check, stamp or add a sticker to complete your second week.



PRAY:

Pray for Ukrainian families who have been living with war for the past three years.

MEET:



Meet Anita and Olga, Christians living in Ukraine, and learn more about celebrating Christmas in their country.

DO:



Children in Ukraine use **puppets** to reenact the nativity scene. Make puppets from clothespins or brown paper bags and create your own puppet show!

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SING:



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TASTE:



**Kolach** is a special bread served on Christmas. Three loaves are stacked on top of each other to represent the Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Try this kolach recipe with your family.

DISCOVER:

Let's go to Ukraine! Christmas hasn't always been celebrated on December 25 in Ukraine! What other date has it been celebrated on?

READ:

Isaiah 42:5–7

Ukraine

WELCOME TO



Going on an adventure with you and meeting friends from around the world has been so much fun! God's family is SO BIG it includes people from all over the world!

## HOW DO I BECOME PART OF GOD'S FAMILY?

Jesus came to Earth as a baby and spent His life on Earth teaching others how to follow God. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He conquered death and sin once and for all. The separation that existed between God and us — because of our sin — was removed. When we put our trust in Jesus and what He did, God forgives our sins and we become a part of His family forever. One day, followers of Jesus from every nation and language will worship God together in heaven! I can't wait!

*"I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

(Isaiah 49:6b)

DO:

In Zimbabwe, children dress up on Christmas Day and celebrate at the family homestead in the rural area of the country. They look forward to having a **Christmas meal** with extended family and friends.

Spend a few minutes together planning your Christmas meal!

MEET:



Meet Taku, a Christian living in Zimbabwe, and learn more about celebrating Christmas in her country.

PRAY:



Pray for children to learn more about Jesus in their public schools and for more children to have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.



**You did it!**

Check, stamp or add a sticker to complete your third week.



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**You did it!**  
Check, stamp or add a sticker to complete your fourth week.



PRAY:

Pray for children who struggle with poverty and live in broken homes.  
Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel and for churches to grow.

MEET:



Meet Keiry and Cesar, Christians living in Mexico, and learn more about celebrating Christmas in their country.

DO:



In Mexico, **pinatas** are used to celebrate special occasions, including Jesus' birthday! Create your own family pinata using these instructions.



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SING:



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TASTE:



While **tamales** are eaten throughout the year, they are also a staple at many Christmas gatherings. In Mexico, tamales are traditionally served at midnight, a tasty way to begin Christmas Day.

DISCOVER:

Let's travel to Mexico! There are 32 states in Mexico. Choose one of Mexico's states and learn more about it.

READ:

Luke 2:1-12



**Mexico**

WELCOME TO

WEEK 4



# Christmas

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PUPPET ACTIVITY

