

# Countdown to Christmas

This year, we're celebrating the holiday season with a new series called *Countdown to Christmas*. This series introduces middle schoolers to the season of Advent and the things that those watching and waiting for Jesus found when He came to Earth. While so many think the Christmas story ends with the birth of Jesus, we want students to see that in reality, that is just the beginning of the hope, peace, joy, and love He brought to the world.

## MEMORY VERSE

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah 9:6, NLT

### Week One

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Because of Jesus, there is always hope.

### Week Two

**Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:14**

Because of Jesus, there is always peace.

### Week Three

**Luke 2:10-11, Hebrews 12:2b**

Because of Jesus, there is always joy.

### Week Four

**Luke 2:9, Luke 2:10-11**

We can know God loves us because God sent us Jesus.

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# Middle School

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER

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## Morning Time

As your middle schooler starts their day, thank them for some way they have helped you lately. Let them know how much that meant to you.

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## Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your middle schooler: “What is something you’re hoping for?”

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## Drive Time

While on the go this week, start a conversation with your middle schooler by asking this question: “What made you laugh today?”

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## Bed Time

Pray for your middle schooler: “God, sometimes this world doesn’t offer a lot of hope. Help [child’s name] to know that they can always trust in You to provide hope when things seem dark.”

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