

Advent Scavenger Hunt Cheat Sheet

This PDF contains cards with short prayers the coordinate with each of the books in the Advent Book Set. If you would like to create a scavenger hunt so that your children have to “hunt” for their book each day, below is a list of ideas for “clues” you could use to write on the back of these cards. Feel free to change any of these to make them easier or more difficult based on age, or to accommodate things you have around your home.

1. The Very Beginning

- A. God created the earth. Search for the first book near the globe/map/dirt
- B. God people animals and people. Search for the first book near the animals.

2. The First Sin

- A. God made a beautiful garden for Adam. Find the next book near our garden.
- B. The Snake tricked Eve into eating the forbidding fruit. Look near the snake/fruit/tree.

3. The Great Flood

- A. Noah listened to God and put the animals on a giant ark. Search near the (toy) boat/ship/animals.
- B. After the flood, God put a rainbow in the sky as a promise that He would never flood the earth again. Find the next book near the rainbow (poster/skittles/coloring page, etc)

4. The Tower of Babel

- A. No matter how hard we try, we can never get to heaven without God. Find today's book near the tower. (build a tower with blocks/Magnatiles/Legos, or anything else around the house)
- B. God confused the languages so that the people could not work together. Find today's book near the language homework/poster.

5. The Promise

- A. God asked Abram to leave his home. Search in the vehicle we use when we leave our home.
- B. Abram saved Lot from being a prisoner. Rescue the next book from its prison. (“lock up” the book in a cardboard box or behind “bars” made from paper.
- C. God promised Abraham he would have as many decedents as stars in the sky. Look under the stars/near the telescope/up to the stars/star on tree.

6. The Journey of Faith

- A. Abraham hosted the angels in his tent. Find the next book in the room we typically host guests.
- B. God tested Abraham's faith. Find book 6 near one of your tests (from school)
- C. Abraham found the ram God sent to be used as a sacrifice in a bush. Find the next book near the (toy) ram/ or in the bush.

7. The Rivalry

- A. Jacob tricked his father Isaac and brother Esau. Look near the magic set/Joker/clown.
- B. Isaac asked Esau to make him a meal. Look in the room of house where we prepare meals.

8 The Reunion

- A. Laban tricked Jacob into marrying Leah. Look near the magic set/Joker card.
- B. Jacob brought Esau many animals as a gift. Look near the animals.

9. The Forgiving Brother

- A. Israel made a colorful robe for his son Joseph. Look near your colorful clothes (in closet/dresser)
- B. Joseph could interpret dreams. Where do you dream? (hide under pillow/in bedroom)

10. The Times of Turmoil

- A. God sent plagues to punish Pharaoh. Find the next book by the frogs/flyes/
- B. An Angel came to Moses near a burning bush. Find the next book near the bushes/fire
- C. Moses was put in a basket in the river. Find the next book in a basket.

11. The Rescue

- A. The Israelites put a sign on their door as a sign to the Angel. Look for the red sign/painted door.
The Israelites were to bake bread. Look near the bread.
- B. God led his people through the desert by fire. Look near the fire.

12. The Ten Commandments God gave his people ten rules to follow.

- A. Moses went up the mountain to talk to God. Find the mountain (pile of toys)
- B. Find the house rules/list of ten commandments/golden rule poster.

13. The City of Jericho

- A. Rahab helped the spies and then let them down from the window with a rope. Find the next book next to the rope.
- B. The Israelites had to march for 7 days. Look near the weekly calendar/marching soldiers
- C. The walls of Jericho fell when the trumpets sounded. Find the fallen wall (blocks/Magnatiles/Legos) or trumpets

14. The Conquest

- A. The Israelites were punished because Achan took the silver and gold. Find book 14 near the treasure. (piggy bank, toy treasure, etc)
- B. God told the Israelites to hide in the bushes. Look for book 14 near the bushes.
- C. The five kings of the Amorites joined forces to try to fight the Israelites. Look near the kings (deck of cards/chess set, etc)

15. The Kind Stranger

- A. The judges in this story are different than the judges we know today, but look for an item that today's judge may use (gavel/hammer)
- B. God punished the people for their sins. Find book 15 near the timeout corner.
- C. Ruth collected grain that the harvesters had missed. Search near the grain/bread.

16. The Unlikely Warrior

- A. David didn't need armor to protect him, because he had God protecting him. Find the next book near the rocks/slingshot/giant.
- B. Saul was jealous of David. Find the book hiding near the color that reminds us of jealousy.
- C. David hid from Saul in a cave. Find book 16 hiding in a cave (fort made with blankets)

17. The Test

- A. Solomon asked for wisdom. Can you find an example of something wise in our home? (three wise men/owl/diploma)
- B. Elijah put Baal to the test. Search near a test (maybe from school, in book bag, on fridge)

18. The Healing

- A. God filled the valley with water through the prophet Elisha. The next book is also near water (kitchen or bath or fish tank)
- B. Namaan's skin was cleared after he dipped himself in the Jordan river 7 times. Find the next book near something that helps us keep our skin healthy (lotion/sunscreen/ointment)

19. The Banishment

- A. King Josiah hired carpenters to repair the temple of the Lord. Find book 19 near the tools.
- B. The builders found the stone tablets with the commandments in the temple. Find the house rules/list of ten commandments/golden rule poster.
- C. God was angry and allowed the temple and houses in Jerusalem to be burned. Find book 19 near something in our home that emits smoke (candle/fireplace)

20. The Giant Fish

- A. Jonah did not listen to God, so God sent a giant storm. Search near boat/ship.
- B. God sent a giant fish to save Jonah. Search near the stuffed) fish/whale.
- C. God provided a leafy plant for Jonah. Find book 20 near the leafy plant.

21. The Lions' Den

- A. Daniel could interpret dreams. Find the next book where you dream (under pillow)
- B. God saved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fire. Look near the fire (fireplace/candle)
- C. King Nebuchadnezzar was made to live with the wild animals because he was sinning. Find book 21 near the (toy) wild animals.
- D. King Belshazzar was punished for drinking from the stolen goblets. Search near our "goblets" (drinking glasses)
- E. Daniel prayed to God even when it was against the law. Find book 21 where we pray at our house.
- F. God saved Daniel from the lions. Search near the (stuffed) lion in our home.

22. The Prophecies

- A. King Cyrus built a temple for the Lord. Search for the next book near the tools.
- B. King Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. Find the next book near a wall, mid-construction (use blocks/Legos/Magnatiles)
- C. Prophets Micah and Isaiah knew that a king would be born in Bethlehem. Find the next book near the king he was talking about (Jesus in the manger)

23. The Good News

- A. The angel Gabriel brought good news to Mary. Find the angel in our home (tree topper/nativity)
- B. The angel Gabriel brought good news to Mary. Where do we often celebrate good news?

24. The Birth of Jesus

- A. Mary and Joseph traveled a long way by donkey. Find the last book in our method of travel.
- B. There was no room in the inn—find the last book by the manger (nativity scene)
- C. The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Find the last book near our gifts (under the tree)



<p>1. Dear God, Thank you for creating our beautiful Earth. Amen.</p>	<p>2. Dear God, Thank you for the gift of life. Help us to obey and honor You. Amen.</p>
<p>3. Dear God, Thank you for Your promises. Help us to be brave and trust in You. Amen.</p>	<p>4. Dear God, Help us to remember we need You in all that we do. Give us wisdom and guidance each day. Amen.</p>
<p>5. Dear God, Help us to have faith like Abram, knowing that You have great plans for our lives. Amen.</p>	<p>6. Dear God, Help us to trust you even when you ask us to do hard things. Amen.</p>
<p>7. Dear God, Thank you for our families and the love we share, even when we disagree with one another. Amen.</p>	<p>8. Dear God, Teach us to forgive, even in difficult times. Remind us to always cherish our families. Amen.</p>
<p>9. Dear God, Help us to be like Joseph—faithful to You and forgiving of others. Amen.</p>	<p>10. Dear God, Help us to be brave and stand up for what is right, trusting that You are always with us in difficult times. Amen.</p>
<p>11. Dear God, Thank you for rescuing Your people. Help us to remember Your love and protection, trusting You to lead us through every challenge. Amen.</p>	<p>12. Dear God, Thank you for giving us the Ten Commandments to guide us in how to love and treat others. Help us to follow Your commands each day. Amen.</p>

13. Dear God, Help us to be strong and courageous and to trust in Your plans for us. Amen.	14. Dear God, Thank you for teaching us the importance of obedience. Help us to learn from our mistakes and always turn back to You. Amen.
15. Dear God, Thank you for our family. Help us to always show kindness to others. Amen.	16. Dear God, Thank you for brave leaders who trust in You. Help us to be courageous in doing what is right, knowing You are always with us. Amen.
17. Dear God, Help us to seek Your guidance in our lives and to make choices that reflect Your love. Amen.	18. Dear God, Thank you for the miracles You perform every day. Help us to remember that through You, nothing is impossible. Amen.
19. Dear God, Thank you for reminding us that You are always with us, even in difficult times. Help us to trust that You will always bring us back to You. Amen.	20. Dear God, Teach us compassion and obedience. Help us to listen to Your guidance and show kindness to others. Amen.
21. Dear God, Help us to stay true to You, even when others don't. Help us to be brave and faithful like Daniel. Amen.	22. Dear God, Help us to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Amen.
23. Dear God, Help us to always be ready to follow Your plans for our lives, even when we don't understand them. Amen.	24. Dear God, Help us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy in our hearts and to share His love every day of the year. Amen.