THE LOGIC LEAGUE · FOR GRADES 3–6

Advent Puzzle Countdown

24 DAYS OF SCRIPTURE AND LOGIC PUZZLES TO CHRISTMAS



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Welcome to the Countdown

Every day from December 1 to December 24, your family opens one page of this countdown. Each page has the same simple rhythm: a short reading from the Bible, a few words to read together, one question to talk about or write about, and one logic puzzle. In about ten to fifteen minutes a day, you will walk the whole road of the Christmas story — from the prophets who promised a King, to the angel's announcements, to the birth in Bethlehem, all the way to Christmas Eve.

What to print

Print the whole file once, single-sided, and keep it in a folder or binder. Your child writes, draws, and circles right on the day pages, so one copy per child works best. Nothing else is needed except a pencil — and a Bible if you want to look up the longer passages together (each day's reading is also printed in full on its page, from the World English Bible).

The daily rhythm

1. **Read.** Read the day's Scripture out loud together.
2. **Read together.** The short reflection explains the reading in plain words.
3. **Talk or write.** One question to discuss, or a line to copy in best handwriting.
4. **Solve.** One logic puzzle tied to the day. Every puzzle has exactly one right answer — if your child gets stuck, the hint is always in the day's reading.

The answer key

A complete answer key is at the back of this book, starting after Day 24. Every puzzle in this countdown was worked and checked by hand before printing: each logic grid, ordering puzzle, and Star Sudoku has exactly one solution, and it is the one in the key. Peek when you need to — that is what it is there for.



The star over Bethlehem — the sign the wise men followed.

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The Road to Christmas — All 24 Days

The countdown follows one story in four movements. Here is the whole road at a glance, so you can see where you are on any December day.

THE PROMISE — Days 1–4

Dec 1 — A Child Is Born *(Isaiah 9:6-7)*
Dec 2 — God With Us *(Isaiah 7:14)*
Dec 3 — Little Town of Bethlehem *(Micah 5:2)*
Dec 4 — A Shoot From a Stump *(Isaiah 11:1-2)*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS — Days 5–10

Dec 5 — An Angel Visits Mary *(Luke 1:26-33)*
Dec 6 — Let It Be So *(Luke 1:35-38)*
Dec 7 — Joseph's Dream *(Matthew 1:18-21)*
Dec 8 — Joseph Obeyed *(Matthew 1:22-25)*
Dec 9 — Mary Hurries to Elizabeth *(Luke 1:39-45)*
Dec 10 — Mary's Song *(Luke 1:46-50)*

THE JOURNEY AND THE BIRTH — Days 11–17

Dec 11 — Caesar Counts Everyone *(Luke 2:1-3)*
Dec 12 — The Road to Bethlehem *(Luke 2:4-5)*
Dec 13 — No Room at the Inn *(Luke 2:6-7)*
Dec 14 — Good News for Shepherds *(Luke 2:8-12)*
Dec 15 — Glory to God in the Highest *(Luke 2:13-14)*
Dec 16 — The Shepherds Hurry *(Luke 2:15-18)*
Dec 17 — Mary Treasured These Things *(Luke 2:19-20)*

THE STAR AND THE KING — Days 18–24

Dec 18 — Wise Men From the East *(Matthew 2:1-3)*
Dec 19 — The Priests Open the Scroll *(Matthew 2:4-6)*
Dec 20 — The Star Went Before Them *(Matthew 2:7-9)*
Dec 21 — Gifts for a King *(Matthew 2:10-11)*
Dec 22 — A Different Road Home *(Matthew 2:12)*
Dec 23 — The Word Became Flesh *(John 1:14)*
Dec 24 — Born to You This Day *(Luke 2:10-11)*

A NOTE FOR GROWN-UPS

Scripture quotations are from the World English Bible (WEB), a public-domain translation in modern English, chosen so children can read the Bible's own words without a paraphrase. The puzzle scenarios with invented children and shepherds are clearly make-believe frames for the logic — the readings and reflections stick to the text.

This countdown is non-denominational: it simply reads the Christmas story as the Gospels tell it, in the order it unfolds.

DECEMBER 1

A Child Is Born

TODAY'S READING — Isaiah 9:6-7 (WEB)

For to us a child is born. To us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on David's throne, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of Armies will perform this.

READ TOGETHER

Long before Jesus was born, God's people were waiting in a dark time, hoping God would send the King He had promised. The prophet Isaiah spoke God's words to them: a child would be born, a son would be given, and He would rule with justice and righteousness forever. Isaiah even told them the names this child would be called — Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The promise was so sure that Isaiah spoke as if it had already happened. Our countdown begins with a promise made hundreds of years before that first Christmas night.

TALK OR WRITE

Talk about it: Which of the child's names in today's reading do you like best? Why?

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Five names and titles for the promised child are hidden in the grid. Words can run across, down, or on a slant. Circle each one you find.

D	E	X	X	F	C	V	D	S	N	S	P
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L	G	E	C	O	J	S	Q	S	Z	V	A
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Words to find: COUNSELOR · MIGHTY · PRINCE · PEACE · EVERLASTING

DECEMBER 2

God With Us

TODAY'S READING — Isaiah 7:14 (WEB)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

READ TOGETHER

Isaiah gave the people a sign to hold on to: a virgin would have a son, and his name would be called Immanuel. That name is not just a label — it is a whole sentence packed into one word. Immanuel means "God with us." God was not promising to shout directions from far away. He was promising to come close, to be with His people Himself. Every day of this countdown, watch for that promise coming true, step by step, until we reach the feeding trough and meet Immanuel face to face.

TALK OR WRITE

Copy this name in your best handwriting, then say what it means: Immanuel — God with us.

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Break the code! In this code, A=1, B=2, C=3, and so on through Z=26. Use the number key to decode the name Isaiah gave the promised child.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

9	13	13	1	14	21	5	12
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DRAW IT Draw the sign Isaiah promised: a young mother holding her baby, with the name Immanuel written underneath.

DECEMBER 3

Little Town of Bethlehem

TODAY'S READING — Micah 5:2 (WEB)

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings out are from of old, from ancient times.

READ TOGETHER

Where would God's promised ruler be born? Not in a big, famous city, Micah said, but in Bethlehem — a little town so small it barely counted among the towns of Judah. God loves to do His greatest work in places the world overlooks. Micah even said this ruler's "goings out are from of old, from ancient times," which is a way of saying the child from little Bethlehem would be far older and greater than anyone expected. Keep the name of that small town in mind. We will travel there soon.

TALK OR WRITE

Talk about it: Why do you think God chose a small town instead of a great city?

TODAY'S PUZZLE

Star Sudoku! Four Christmas symbols — the star, the heart, the jewel, and the song note — each belong once in every row, once in every column, and once in every 2-by-2 box. Draw or write the missing symbols so every row, column, and box has all four.

★ = Star ♥ = Heart ♦ = Jewel ♪ = Song note

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DRAW IT Draw little Bethlehem at night under one bright star.

KEEP COUNTING DOWN

You Have Read the First Three Days

This free sample gave you Days 1–3: the promise of a child who would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace — Immanuel, God with us — and the little town where He would be born. The full countdown continues for twenty-one more days:

- Days 4–10 — a shoot from a stump, the angel Gabriel, Joseph's dream, Mary's hurried journey and her song.
- Days 11–17 — Caesar's census, the road to Bethlehem, no room at the inn, and the shepherds who heard heaven sing.
- Days 18–24 — the star, the wise men, gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and the Christmas Eve finale.
- Every day: a printed Scripture reading, a read-together reflection, a talk-or-write moment, and one logic puzzle — plus a full answer key.

HOW TO GET THE FULL COUNTDOWN

Find The Logic League in ClassWallet (Arizona ESA families) or in The Logic League shop, and look for the Advent Puzzle Countdown. Order before December 1 so your family can start on Day 1 — or start late and double up; the story keeps.



The shepherds heard the good news first — Day 14 is waiting for you.