

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BOOKS 2024

Picture Books

My Birthday, Jesus' Birthday, Holly Davis
Who Is Coming to Our House, Joseph Slate
Room for a Little One, Martin Waddell and Jason Crockcroft
Only A Star, Margery Facklam
A Child is Born, Margaret Wise Brown
Song of the Stars, Sally Lloyd-Jones
Mortimer's Christmas Manger, Karma Wilson
The Christmas Story, Carol Heyer
This Is No Fairy Tale, Dale Tolmasoff
Humphrey's First Christmas, Carol Heyer
The Way to Bethlehem, Inos Bifi
That Baby in the Manger, Anne E. Neuburger
The Shepherd Who Couldn't Sing, Alan Barker
A Jesus Christmas, Barbara Reaoch
A Very Noisy Christmas, Tim Thornborough
The Sleepy Shepherd, Stephen Cottrell
A Certain Small Shepherd, Rebecca Caudill
Snowflakes Fall, Patricia Maclachlan
An Orange for Frankie, Patricia Polacco
The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll, Patricia C. McKissack
Father and Son: A Nativity Story, Geraldine McCaughrean
Listen to the Silent Night, Dandi Daley Mackall
The Indescribable Gift, Richard Exley
Christmas Is Coming!, Tama Fortner
Sounding Joy, Ellie Holcomb
St. Nicholas the Giftgiver, Ned Bustard
Silent Night, Lara Hawthorne

Elementary Readers

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey, Susan Wojciechowski
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Barbara Robinson
The Christmas Day Kitten, James Herriot
The Story of Holly & Ivy, Rumer Godden

The Gift of the Magi, O. Henry (illustrated by P.J. Lynch)
Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, adapted by Stephen Krensky, illustrated by Dean Morrissey

Older Readers/Family Read-Alouds

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Barbara Robinson
Letters from Father Christmas, J.R.R. Tolkien

Leading Your Family in Advent

Sacred Seasons, Danielle Hitchen (*not* a daily guide, but an overview that includes specific liturgies, activities, and other ideas for every season of the Church Year)
5-Minute Prayers Around the Advent Wreath, Lisa M. Hendey
Good Dirt: Advent, Christmastide and Epiphany, Lacy Finn Borgo
Unwrapping the Greatest Gift: A Family Celebration of Christmas, Ann Voskamp (Jesse Tree focus)
The Giving Manger, Allison Hottinger (service-focused)
A Thrill of Hope: Celebrating Advent at Home, Ashley Wallace
Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas, Traci Smith (*not* a daily guide, but a collection of prayers and practices to choose from)