



Advent in a Box/Bag Recipe

***Here are some ideas to include in your own Advent in a Box. Think through the traditions that are important to your church. You can include items for families and singles. Have people sign up ahead of time to receive one and deliver them or arrange for pick up. You can use a box or a bag. This is not an exhaustive list-just some suggestions!**

STORYBOOK ABOUT CHRISTMAS (FOR KIDS)

Cokesbury [Children's Books & Activities for Advent & Christmas](#)

Christianbooks: [Storybooks](#)

CRAFT MATERIALS (FOR KIDS OR ADULTS)

Various Christmas Crafts: [1000+ Christmas Crafts & Craft Ideas](#)

Michaels.com Ornament Crafts [Kids Christmas Ornaments & Kits](#)

Christianbook: [Christianbook Artbooks & Puzzles](#)

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH

Resource UMC: [The 99¢ Advent Wreath](#)

Cokesbury [Advent Wreath w/ Candles](#)

Christianbook: [Variety of Advent Wreaths](#)

DEVOTIONALS:

FAMILY:

Cokesbury: [Devotions & Activities for Advent](#)

Lifeway: [25 Days of the Christmas Story](#)

ADULT:

Cokesbury: [Advent / Books / Devotions & Seasonal Readings](#)

Christianbook: [Advent Devotionals](#)

CANDLES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

- Glow stick
- Tea light (battery or wick)
- Large candle (battery or wick)

CHRISMONS:

- Add an ornament that families can use to decorate their tree or make an ornament to represent the church

LUMINARY KIT:

- Include one or more bags and candles (tea lights) to line their driveway (or to add to the luminaries at the church). Have families put them out on Christmas Eve.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

- Follow along with our online Mission Advent Calendar for individuals and families to use throughout the season to give back.
- Think about including a personal note as well wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and include your church calendar of Advent and Christmas events and services

Other resources:

Family Ministry Tools: [Advent in a Box, Edition 2 – Individual Family Ministry Tools include God in your week](#) *(these are complete boxes you can purchase already put together)*

Illustrated Ministries: [Illustrated Advent for Families](#) (includes devotions, crafts, calendar)

Christianbook: [Nativity Sets](#)