

RESOURCE BAG

DECEMBER



December can be hectic with classes, church events, seminary events, jobs, children's school events, shopping, traveling, and extended family. This month your bag is lighter. Breathe deeply and spend time as a family creating memories. We hope some of those memories will include your Growing Families moments.

Look for these items: (we've noted the approximate time it will take for each activity).

1. **25 Advent on-the-go cards** from our friends at [Vibrant Faith](#), fellow Lilly Grant recipients who are graciously sharing their resources with us. You can use these Talk Cards in the car or anywhere on the go! Begin on December 1st and read one card a day. **(2-3 minutes per card)**
2. **Creative tools to tell God's story:** a purple bag filled with a nativity set and rhyme cards for toddlers and families.
3. **December Curriculum pages** - read through these before you engage your children in the monthly activities. **(7 minutes)**
4. **Advent liturgy** - Use this written liturgy for Sundays during December. The items in the small purple bag are used for this. **(5 - 10 minutes each Sunday and Christmas Day)** Decorate your wreath and place the candles on it.
5. **Advent book** - watch the video with Valerie Stark before reading aloud. Parents of babies and toddlers, you have a small board book titled "Christmas in the Manger." **(10 - 15 minutes for several nights)**
6. **Snack** - cookie mix, a cookie cutter, icing, and sprinkles. Make some cookies as a family, or let your kids bake for you.. We have given you two boxes of cookies so you can share some with neighbors. Sharing is one of your service opportunities this month.
7. **Christmas Ornament** - Merry Christmas from your Growing Families Team!