

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

Each day in this interactive Advent calendar includes a learning connection, prayer, hymn or Scripture verse for reflection as well as an element to decorate and/or cut out to add to the nativity scene.

Visit ELCA.org/WHAdvent to find the study guide, video, and other materials referenced in the calendar.



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1

Decorate the **STABLE** and the **NIGHT SKY** but don't color the star yet!

"A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbour heaven, a stall become a shrine."

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted," ACS 910

2

Color and cut out **MARY**

Visit ELCA.org/WHAdvent to find ELCA World Hunger's Advent study guide and the accompanying video "Intersections: Justice Ministry With ELCA Partners." Watch part one of the video to learn how our church is at work in a community of farmers, growing food and hope in Cambodia.



Then read Session One in the study guide.

3

Color and cut out the **ANGEL**



Guide us, God, as we prepare a place of peace in our home. Let this Advent season be a time of rest, to strengthen us for ministry that sees your Son in our neighbors.

4

Color and cut out **JOSEPH**

"An angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'"



Matthew 1:20-21

5

Color and cut out the **DONKEY**

Consider adding an ELCA Good Gift to your Christmas wish list this year. Fruit trees are an investment in the community that can grow across generations, protecting the soil from erosion and providing nutritious fruit to children and adults alike.



Fruit-tree seedling: \$10
ELCA.org/GoodGifts

6

Color and cut out a **SHEPHERD**

"The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the king of Israel."

"The First Noel," ELW 300

7

Color and cut out a **CHICKEN**

"Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry."

Psalm 146:5-7

8

Color and cut out a **GOAT**

Goats can survive in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. Goats also reproduce quickly, giving families the chance to share the gift with others.



Goat: \$50
ELCA.org/GoodGifts

9

Color and cut out a **SHEEP**

Watch part two of "Intersections" to see how ELCA World Hunger is accompanying communities in Milwaukee to ensure that babies have everything they need to grow healthy and strong.



Then read Session Two in the study guide.

10

Color and cut out another **CHICKEN**

"O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel."



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," ELW 257

11

Color and cut out another **GOAT**

"The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near."



James 5:7-8

12

Color and cut out another **SHEPHERD**

Start your "Stocking the Streets" bag! Over the coming days, collect items that will show care for your unhoused neighbors this Christmas season.



Visit ELCA.org/WHAdvent to learn more.

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Color and cut out the **COW**

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of calcium-packed milk each day. A family can receive the nutrition they need and also start a small business, selling extra milk, cheese and more.



Share of a Cow: \$50
ELCA.org/GoodGifts

14

Color and cut out another **SHEEP**



All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

15

Color and cut out another **SHEPHERD**

"Toda la tierra espera al Salvador y el surco a bierto, la obra del Señor; es el mundo que lucha por la libertad, reclama justicia y busca la verdad."



"Toda la Tierra" / "All Earth Is Hopeful," ELW 266

16

Color and cut out another **CHICKEN**

Help a family spread its wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals, they can also help start a small business that generates a steady source of income.



Chicks: \$10
ELCA.org/GoodGifts

17

Color and cut out the **CAMEL**

Mary and Joseph were strangers in a new place when they arrived in Bethlehem, looking for a safe place to stay. Part three of "Intersections" tells how ELCA World Hunger is building safe spaces to "welcome the stranger" in Mexico right now.



Watch the video, then read Session Three in the study guide.

18

Color and cut out another **SHEEP**

"Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.'"



Luke 1:46-48

19

Color and cut out the **MANGER**

Support a mom by providing access to prenatal and postnatal care to ensure the safe delivery of a healthy baby.



Safe birth: \$750
ELCA.org/GoodGifts

20

Color and cut out one of the **MAGI**

"So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him."



"What Child Is This," ELW 296

21

Color and cut out another **MAGI**



As long as the sun shines, O God, your coming radiates goodness. Let our response be, "You provide enough for all!" May the sky wake, the stars bend their voices and every stone cry out. Amen.

22

Color and cut out another **MAGI**



Prayerfully consider making a gift to ELCA World Hunger today. Give online at ELCA.org/hunger/donate or mail a check, payable to "ELCA World Hunger," to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

23

Decorate the **STAR**

"Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay."



"Away in a Manger," ELW 277

24

Color and cut out **BABY JESUS**

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'"



Luke 2:10-11



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