

 **ADD UP
YOUR POINTS**

FAMILY ADVENT CHALLENGE

If you're not careful, Christmas can quickly turn into "Stressmas." Say NO to spending more, busyness and things that distract your family and fully worshipping Christ this month. Give yourself a point for each NO you say.

Say "yes" to meaningful events that focus on people and serving Christ.

Call someone you know who could use some prayer and encouragement.

Create a ministry opportunity for your family. Serve together in some way.

Tell your kids or grandkids about when you decided to follow Jesus.

Engage in neighboring by inviting someone to your house for dinner or a party.

Serve as a family at one of the Christmas Eve services at 4:30pm or 6pm.

RULES

The challenge starts November 28 and goes through December 31.

Mark the challenges you complete. Each challenge = 1 point.

Email your overall score to kids@waterstonechurch.org.

Two families will get a prize pack of an AMC and Chick-fil-A gift card—a family with the most completed challenges and a family whose challenge guide is randomly chosen.

The winners will be announced on Facebook and notified via email during the second week of January 2022.

Please add up your points.

JUST KIDS

- ☐ Talk to a parent about donating a gently used coat to the homeless ministry.
- ☐ Choose a gift that can be given to a child in need.
- ☐ Spend time with the elderly making a craft or singing Christmas carols.
- ☐ Think of three good things about your siblings, then tell them.
- ☐ Memorize John 3:16.
- ☐ Give yourself a point if you helped pack an Operation Christmas Child box.
- ☐ Spend time listening to or telling the Christmas story from Luke 2.
- ☐ Invite a friend to church during the month of December.

ALL TOGETHER

- ☐ Go ice-skating as a family.
- ☐ Visit a homeless shelter or nursing home.
- ☐ Buy a bag of food for the food pantry.
- ☐ Hold a contest in which everyone in the house has to wrap his/her bedroom door like a present.
- ☐ Sit in the room with your Christmas tree with all the lights out but the tree lights.
- ☐ Dress in jammies, pile in the car, and drive around to look at Christmas lights while listening to Christmas music.
- ☐ Read the Nativity story together.
- ☐ Make your own Nativity play, either by dressing up (pillow cases, bathrobes and trash bags!) or using characters from your nativity set.
- ☐ Snuggle up on the couch and watch a Christmas movie.
- ☐ As a family, write down goals for the new year, then submit them to God in prayer.

ADULTS

- ☐ Buy or create an Advent Calendar.
- ☐ Make some family time on Sundays to discuss the sermon and kids lesson each week.
- ☐ Discover new Christmas music.
- ☐ Attend a service together on the weekend of Dec. 18 & 19 to experience our special Family Christmas worship.
- ☐ Bake cookies and share them with neighbors, garbage collectors and your mail delivery person.
- ☐ Pull out sleeping bags, and have a family slumber party under the tree.
- ☐ Bake a birthday cake for Jesus and thank Him for His wonderful gift to you. Invite friends to come join you as you eat it.
- ☐ Create "sacred" time and space for prayer and God-centered conversations with your family.
- ☐ Host a holiday party as a family, and invite your neighbors.