

Earth Ministry's Self-Sustaining Advent Calendar 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Nov. 27</i> Share your favorite Christmas memory with your family. What are your hopes for Advent this year?	<i>28</i> Choose not to go shopping today.	<i>29</i> Decide with a friend to have a monthly lunch date in 2012 rather than exchange presents this year.	<i>30</i> Enjoy foods with a late harvest by eating local tonight.	<i>Dec. 1</i> Keep warm by snuggling up in a blanket. Turn your thermostat down an additional degree.	<i>2</i> Play board games or work on a jigsaw puzzle as a family.	<i>3</i> Consider buying a live root tree this year. You'll be able to plant it in your yard and enjoy it for many years to come.
<i>4</i> Recall a time when you felt peaceful during Advent. How can you recapture that again this year?	<i>5</i> Donate a present from last year that you haven't used. Share your abundance with those who might not receive anything else.	<i>6</i> Avoid the mall. Walk around a park instead.	<i>7</i> Keep the heat in your home. Caulk around a drafty window.	<i>8</i> Thank your child's teachers by donating to a charity or non-profit in their honor.	<i>9</i> Buy fair trade this year. Order from SERRV, Ten Thousand Villages, or a similar organization.	<i>10</i> Go on a hike today. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa when you return!
<i>11</i> Thank someone who brought you joy during the previous two weeks.	<i>12</i> Send Christmas cards to your legislators. Encourage them to support pro-environment bills in the new year.	<i>13</i> Bake cookies, and then share your surplus with a neighbor.	<i>14</i> Read your favorite Christmas book out loud with your family.	<i>15</i> Instead of watching a TV special, light a candle and spend the evening in quiet.	<i>16</i> Bundle up and take a walk around your neighborhood to see the lights.	<i>17</i> Spend the day with a child. Let them decide how you should celebrate the day.
<i>18</i> Tell those whom you love how much you value them.	<i>19</i> Sing your favorite carols with your family or friends.	<i>20</i> Wrap your gifts in newspaper, bus schedules, out-dated maps, or paper bags. Be creative!	<i>21</i> Celebrate the solstice by going for an evening walk with friends and placing luminaries along your path.	<i>22</i> Looking for a last minute gift? Consider giving a chicken through Heifer or sight for a blind person through Seva.	<i>23</i> Take part in St. Francis' Christmas ritual by scattering birdseed and grain in your yard or a park.	<i>24</i> Read the nativity story out loud. Note all of the animals in the story.
<i>25</i> Celebrate Christ's birth with loved ones! Share what you most enjoyed about Advent this year.						