8 PAGES · AGES 3 TO 10 · GRADES PREK-4

My Advent Calendar

24 little missions to count down to Christmas together, nothing to buy.



Hi, it's Ludik! This year, my Advent calendar doesn't hide any chocolate: every day, there's a little mission to do together. Paper snowflakes, cookies, a story under a blanket, a blanket fort in the living room... and on the 24th, the big night!

How to set it up

The bags

Cut out the tickets, fold them and slip them into 24 envelopes, paper lunch bags or socks. Stick a number circle on each one (page 8).

The jar

Fold the tickets and drop them in a mason jar or a box. Every morning, your little one fishes out the day's number.

The garland

Hang the folded tickets on a string with clothespins, from 1 to 24. The best part: you can see Christmas getting closer.

And the Advent tree?

Every evening, once the mission is done, your little one colors in the day's circle on the tree (page 3) and checks the day on the countdown calendar (page 2). The tree fills up from the bottom: the gifts on the 1st and 2nd, then the ornaments, all the way to the star on the 24th!

The 24 missions at a glance

1 Paper snowflakes
2 My letter to Santa
3 Blanket story time
4 A drawing for someone
5 Christmas cookie day
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Ludik's tip: the longer missions (cookies, the lights tour, the blanket fort) fall on weekends: December 5 and 6, 12 and 13, 19 and 20, 2026. Busy day? Swap two tickets. Want your own missions? There are blank tickets on page 7.

Printing tip: US Letter paper, at actual size (100%). The tickets (pages 4 to 6) hold up better on cardstock. The tree and the tickets also print fine in black and white.

DECEMBER 2026 · SUNDAY TO SATURDAY

My Christmas countdown

Stick it on the fridge, and check the circle each evening once the mission is done!



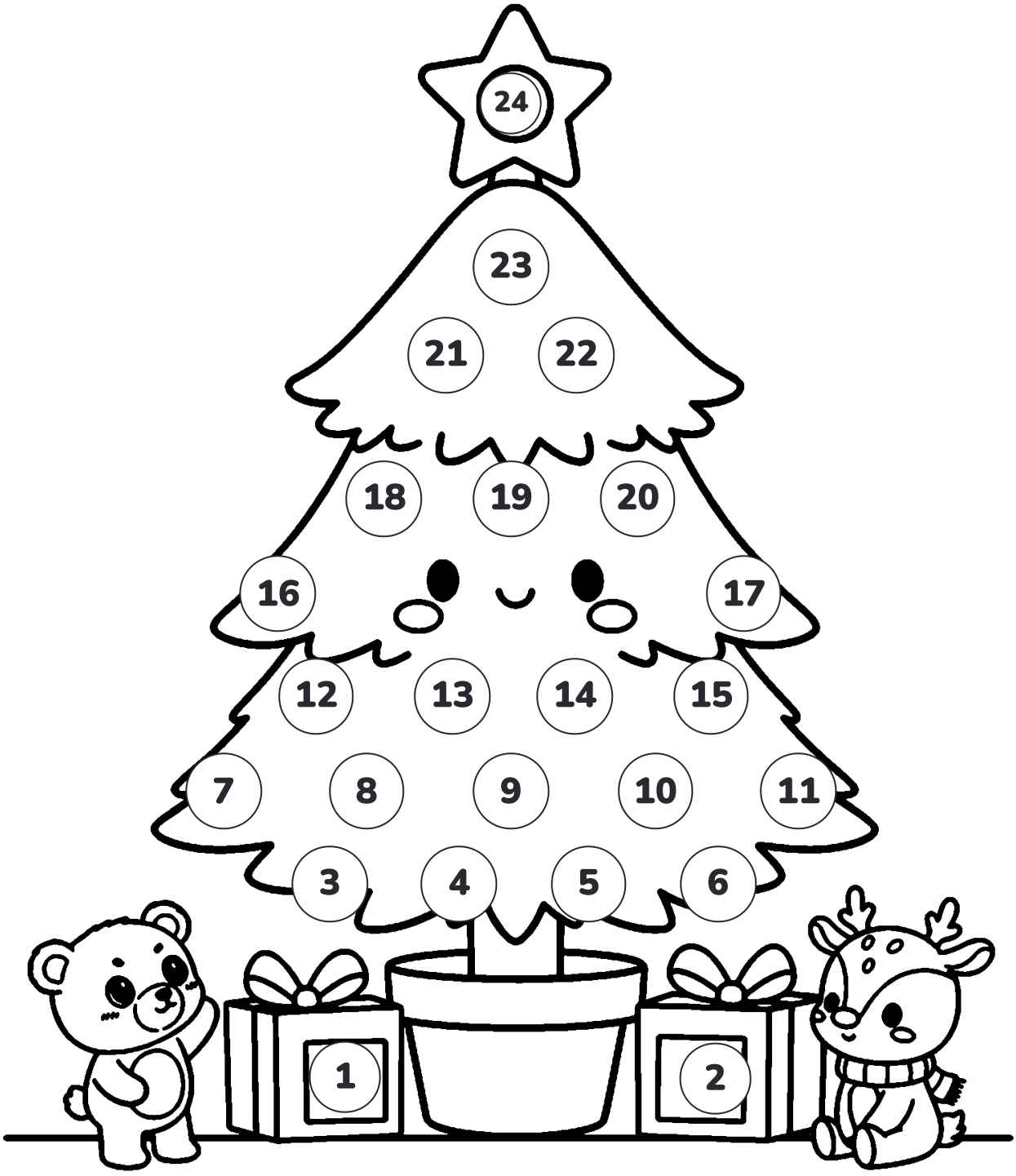
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Nov 29 Advent begins	Nov 30 Get the tickets ready!	1 ○ Paper snowflakes	2 ○ My letter to Santa	3 ○ Blanket story time	4 ○ A drawing for someone Hanukkah begins at sundown	5 ○ Christmas cookie day Weekend: a longer one
6 ○ Winter treasure hunt Weekend: a longer one	7 ○ Family game night	8 ○ Reindeer dance party	9 ○ A long paper chain	10 ○ December around the world	11 ○ The reindeer is hiding!	12 ○ Hot cocoa afternoon Weekend: a longer one
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20 ○ Snowman or blanket fort? Weekend: a longer one	21 ○ The longest night	22 ○ The helping hand	23 ○ My Christmas show	24 ○ The big night	25 Merry Christmas!	Dec 26 Kwanzaa begins

Every evening: check the day here, then color the same number on the Advent tree (page 3). On the 24th, the star lights up!

COLOR ONE CIRCLE EVERY EVENING · DECEMBER 1 TO 24

My Advent tree

Name: _____



Every evening: mission done? Color in the day's circle. The gifts first, then the ornaments... and on the 24th, the star lights up!

CUT OUT · TICKETS 1 TO 8

My Advent missions



1 · TUE, DEC 1 · I MAKE



Paper snowflakes

I fold a sheet of paper, snip little notches with safety scissors and unfold it: a snowflake! I tape them to the window.

☐ Mission accomplished!

2 · WED, DEC 2 · CHRISTMAS MAGIC



My letter to Santa

I write or draw my letter to Santa. It has to be in the mail by Saturday, December 5!

☐ Mission accomplished!

3 · THU, DEC 3 · I READ



Blanket story time

Tonight, I pick a Christmas story and we read it all snuggled up under a cozy blanket.

☐ Mission accomplished!

4 · FRI, DEC 4 · I SHARE



A drawing for someone

I make a drawing for someone I love (Grandma, my teacher, our mail carrier...) and give it to them.

☐ Mission accomplished!

5 · SAT, DEC 5 · IN THE KITCHEN · WEEKEND



Christmas cookie day

With a grown-up, we bake sugar cookies. My job: cutting out the shapes and decorating them!

☐ Mission accomplished!

6 · SUN, DEC 6 · OUTDOORS · WEEKEND



Winter treasure hunt

On a walk, I look for a pinecone, a leaf, a perfectly round pebble and a pretty stick.

☐ Mission accomplished!

7 · MON, DEC 7 · I PLAY



Family game night

Tonight, we play a game together as a family. And I get to pick the game!

☐ Mission accomplished!

8 · TUE, DEC 8 · MUSIC



Reindeer dance party

We put on "Jingle Bells" and dance like reindeer, hands on our heads for antlers!

☐ Mission accomplished!

CUT OUT · TICKETS 9 TO 16

My Advent missions



9

WED, DEC 9
I MAKE



A long paper chain

I cut strips of paper and loop them together, one inside the other, into a long chain for the tree.

☐ Mission accomplished!

10

THU, DEC 10
I SHARE



December around the world

Hanukkah runs from December 4 to 12 this year. I ask a friend, a neighbor or my class how they celebrate.

☐ Mission accomplished!

11

FRI, DEC 11
CHRISTMAS MAGIC



The reindeer is hiding!

A grown-up hid the little reindeer from page 8 somewhere in the house. Warmer, colder... I have to find it!

☐ Mission accomplished!

12

SAT, DEC 12
IN THE KITCHEN
WEEKEND



Hot cocoa afternoon

We make hot cocoa and cut our toast into stars or Christmas trees (the grown-up holds the knife).

☐ Mission accomplished!

13

SUN, DEC 13
OUTDOORS
WEEKEND



The Christmas lights tour

When it gets dark, we bundle up and go for a walk (or a drive) to see the holiday lights nearby.

☐ Mission accomplished!

14

MON, DEC 14
I READ



My stuffy's big adventure

I make up a story where my favorite stuffed animal is the hero, and I tell it to someone.

☐ Mission accomplished!

15

TUE, DEC 15
I SHARE



A toy to give

I pick a toy in great shape that I don't play with anymore, to give to another child.

☐ Mission accomplished!

16

WED, DEC 16
I MAKE



A winter coloring page

I color a snowman, a cabin or a penguin. Ludik's winter coloring pages are at ludik-toy.com.

☐ Mission accomplished!

CUT OUT · TICKETS 17 TO 24

My Advent missions



17 · THU, DEC 17 · I PLAY



Flashlight hide-and-seek

Lights off: we play hide-and-seek with a flashlight. Giggles guaranteed!

☐ Mission accomplished!

18 · FRI, DEC 18 · CHRISTMAS MAGIC



My holiday card

I make a card to wish a merry Christmas to someone who lives far away, or to a neighbor.

☐ Mission accomplished!

19 · SAT, DEC 19 · IN THE KITCHEN · WEEKEND



Chocolate pretzels

With a grown-up, we melt chocolate, dip pretzels (or crackers) and add sprinkles if we have some. Yum!

☐ Mission accomplished!

20 · SUN, DEC 20 · OUTDOORS · WEEKEND



Snowman or blanket fort?

If it snowed: a snowman outside! If not: a giant blanket fort in the living room.

☐ Mission accomplished!

21 · MON, DEC 21 · I READ



The longest night

It's the first day of winter and the longest night of the year. Tonight, I read (or tell) a story to a grown-up.

☐ Mission accomplished!

22 · TUE, DEC 22 · I SHARE



The helping hand

I help get the house ready for the holidays: tidy up, fold the napkins, set the table.

☐ Mission accomplished!

23 · WED, DEC 23 · MUSIC



My Christmas show

I get a song, a dance or a magic trick ready, and I put on a show for the whole family.

☐ Mission accomplished!

24 · THU, DEC 24 · CHRISTMAS MAGIC



The big night

Milk and cookies for Santa, a carrot for his reindeer, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas... and off to bed!

☐ Mission accomplished!

CUT OUT · FILL IN

My own missions



Make up your own missions: a visit to Grandma's, the school winter concert, a holiday party...
Write the day's number in the circle.

DAY **MY OWN MISSION**

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CUT OUT

My number circles



Cut out the circles and glue or tape them onto your 24 bags, envelopes or socks.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24

The little reindeer to hide



For the December 11 mission: cut out the little reindeer, then a grown-up hides it somewhere in the house. Warmer, colder, red hot... your little one goes looking!

The jar (or box) label



My Advent Calendar

Name: _____