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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| NOVEMBER 27 Worship  10:15 a.m. | NOVEMBER 28 *The Story &  The Song* Psalm 19, Hebrews 1 | NOVEMBER 29 *The Beginning:  A Perfect Home* Genesis 1-2 | NOVEMBER 30 *The Terrible Lie* Genesis 3 | DECEMBER 1 *A New Beginning* Genesis 6-9 | DECEMBER 2 *A Giant Staircase to Heaven* Genesis 11 | DECEMBER 3 *Son of Laughter* Genesis 12-21 |
| DECEMBER 4 Worship  10:15 a.m. | DECEMBER 5 *The Present* Genesis 22 | DECEMBER 6 *The Girl No One Wanted* Genesis 29-30 | DECEMBER 7 *The Forgiving Prince* Genesis 37-46 | DECEMBER 8 *God to the Rescue!* Exodus 3-13 | DECEMBER 9 *God Makes a Way* Exodus 14-15 | DECEMBER 10 *Ten Ways To Be Perfect* Exodus 16-17, 19-40 |
| DECEMBER 11 Worship  10:15 a.m. | DECEMBER 12 *The Warrior Leader* Joshua 3 and 6 | DECEMBER 13 *The Teeny, Weenie...True King* 1 Samuel 16 | DECEMBER 14 Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m. *The Young Hero & the Horrible Giant* 1 Samuel 17 | DECEMBER 15 *The Good Shepherd* Psalms 23 & 51,  2 Samuel 7 | DECEMBER 16 *A Little Servant Girl & The Proud General* 2 Kings 5 | DECEMBER 17 *Operation “No More Tears!”* Isaiah 9, 11, 40, 50, 53, 55, 60 |
| DECEMBER 18 Worship  10:15 a.m. | DECEMBER 19 *Daniel & the Scary Sleepover* Daniel 6 | DECEMBER 20 *God’s Messenger* Jonah 1-4, Hebrews 1:1-2 | DECEMBER 21 *Get Ready!* Nehemiah 8-10, Malachi 1, 3 & 4, Ezra 7 | DECEMBER 22 *He’s Here* Luke 1-2 | DECEMBER 23 *The Light of the Whole World* Luke 2 | DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve *The King of All Kings* Matthew 2 |
| DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS Worship 10:15 a.m. | | | | | | |

Ideas for Reading

* Teens and adults are encouraged to do the readings from Scripture listed for each day. Some days have a lot more reading than others, so we have also included a “shortened reading” option for those who want to do less reading.
* We are also offering a podcast of an audio version for you to listen to each day.
* For those who want an easy-to-read translation, Elders can secure a copy of *The Message* or the *New International Reader’s Version* for you. Elders are listed in the bulletin.
* Families with young children are encouraged to do the readings from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* together as a family. If you need a copy of the book, please contact one of the Elders.
* Open and close your story or Scripture reading time with prayer.
* Light a candle when you read the story or Scriptures to remind you that the Holy Spirit is with you as you read.
* Record your thoughts in a journal after you read the Scriptures. Families can do this, too.
* Ask “I wonder…” questions after you read the story or Scriptures (but don’t provide answers). If you are reading on your own, record your “I wonder…” questions in your journal. If you are reading with your family, ask them aloud and maybe have one person write them down.
* Start a “For God to Handle” box where you write down and place your most difficult prayer requests for God (for example, prayers for a loved one who has rejected Christ, prayers for healing, prayers for grief). Leave those prayers there until after Advent, then go through them to see and reflect upon the ways that you have seen God at work answering them.

Other Ideas

* Take photos of things that highlight how God is speaking to you throughout the advent season and post them on social media using the hashtag #oakdalepicturesadvent.
* Attend the Christmas Dinner at Oakdale on December 14 where we will play a game based on the Advent readings.
* Select one day (or one day a week) to fast during Advent. You can do this from sunrise to sunset, or whatever is a healthy choice for your body. Fasting provides us an opportunity to remember that God is our provider, and is something that Jesus expected his followers to do (Matthew 6:16-18).
* Make ornaments with your family to hang on your Christmas tree after each reading, see [this website](http://kelleighratzlaff.com/life/12-days-blog-hop-jesse-tree-advent-with-the-jesus-storybook-bible/).