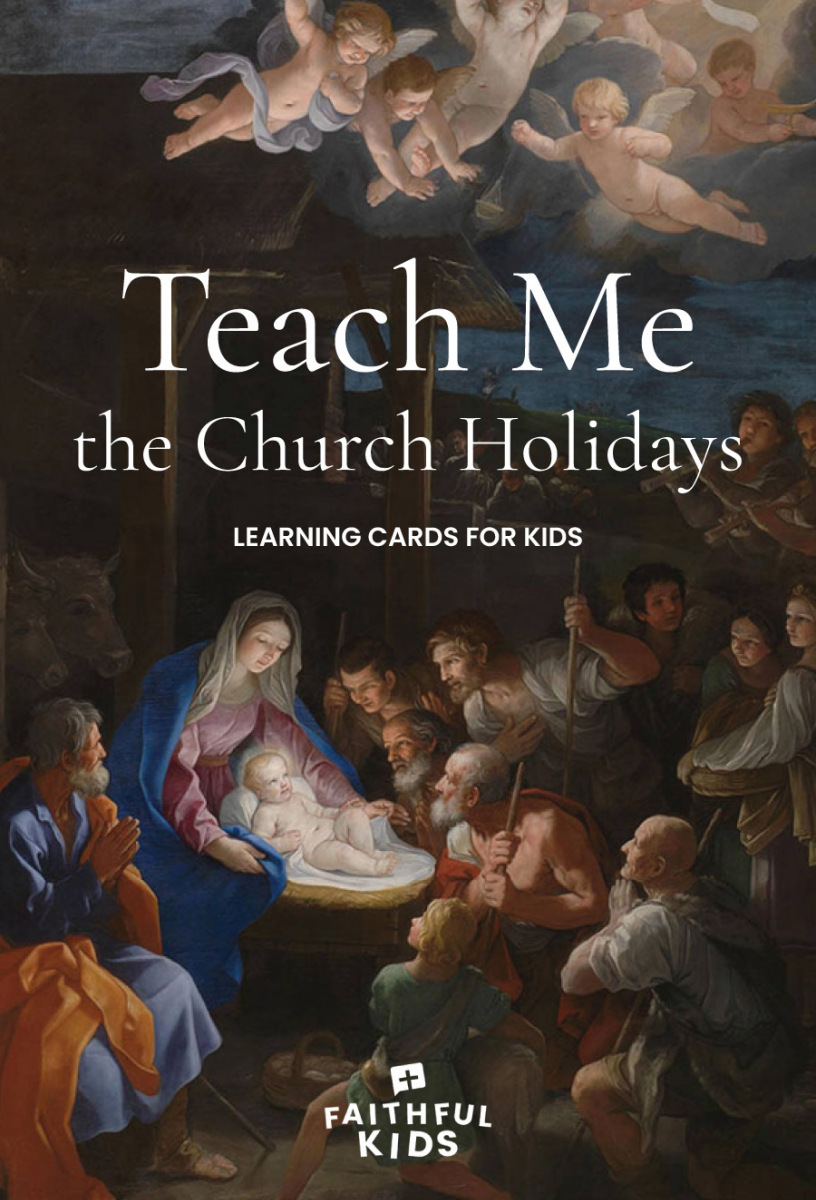


A detailed Renaissance-style painting of the Nativity scene. The Virgin Mary, in a blue mantle over a pink gown, cradles the infant Jesus in a manger. Joseph, an older man with a beard, sits to the left with his hands clasped in prayer. Several shepherds and wise men are gathered around the manger, some kneeling in adoration. In the background, a cow and donkey look on. Above the scene, a group of cherubs (putti) are depicted in a heavenly realm, some holding musical instruments. The overall composition is dramatic, with strong contrasts of light and shadow.

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LEARNING CARDS FOR KIDS

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The Christian year is built around the life of Jesus. For centuries, believers have marked time not only by seasons and months but by the story of Christ—His coming, His death, His resurrection, and the mission of His Church. These holy days anchor us to truth in a world that easily forgets.

How to Use These Cards

This card set was designed to help children step into the story of Christ. Each card introduces a Church holiday with Scripture, history, and thoughtful questions to spark conversation. As you walk through Advent, Easter, Pentecost, and beyond, your family will see how every season points us back to the gospel.

Whether you read them around the table, during morning time, or in a classroom, my prayer is that these cards remind you that God's people have always told time differently—by the life of Christ, who holds all our days.

-P/M

Verses in ESV translation.



Advent

The Adoration of the Shepherds
Anton Raphael Mengs

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

- ISAIAH 7:14

Advent is a four-week season leading to Christmas Day. In the early church, Advent looked forward to the Second Coming of Christ but over time came to focus more on His first coming to Bethlehem. Advent began as a three-day fast and vigil (similar to Easter) which eventually expanded to about 40 days of fasting leading to the "feast" of Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent has a focus: hope, peace, joy, and love.

DISCUSSION

The candles we light for Advent are pink and purple, often in a wreath. Have you ever lit an Advent wreath? Would you like to?

Do you think Advent should focus on Jesus's first coming, His second, or both?



Christmas

The Nativity
Lorenzo Lotto

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- JOHN 1:14

Originally known as Christ’s Mass, Christmas is the height of the Advent season. This holiday celebrates the traditional date of Jesus’s birth on December 25th (the Eastern church celebrates on January 7th; they use the Julian calendar). Christmas is not just one day, though—it’s twelve! From Christmas Day to Epiphany on January 6th, a series of feasts focused on the life of Jesus and the apostles are celebrated. This is where the song “The 12 Days of Christmas” comes from.

DISCUSSION

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

Have you ever celebrated the 12 Days of Christmas?

Would you like to?