

Christmas Countdown



December 1:

Today's Goal: Invite your family or a friend to participate with you.

Reading: Matt 18:20.

♪ *Song:* Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Hymn 202



December 2:

Today's Goal: As you begin to decorate for Christmas, make a decoration that will remind you of the Savior and His mission.

Reading: Mosiah 3: 5-6, 8-10.

♪ *Song:* I Believe In Christ, Hymn 134



December 3:

Today's Goal: In one of your prayers today, give thanks for all the blessings you can think of, do not ask for anything.

Reading: Luke 17:12,14,15,17

♪ *Song:* Count Your Blessings, Hymn 241



December 4:

Today's Goal: Feed someone spiritually - write your testimony in a Book of Mormon and give it away.

Reading: Matt 14:15-19

♪ *Song:* Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, Children's Songbook 57



December 5:

Today's Goal: Look up at the heavens and think about who made the sun, moon, and stars then record your feelings in your journal.

Reading: Doctrine and Covenants 88:6-13

♪ *Song:* The Lord Is My Light, Hymn 89



December 6:

Today's Goal: Try to be as kind as possible to others today.

Reading: 3 Nephi 17: 5, 6, 9

♪ *Song:* I Need Thee Every Hour, Hymn 98



December 7:

Today's Goal: Foster peace on earth by not quarreling with your family or friends.

Reading: 3 Nephi 12:3-9

♪ *Song:* More Holiness Give Me, Hymn 131



December 8:

Today's Goal: Go out of your way to be a friend to someone who needs a friend, follow through in the days and weeks to come.

Reading: Matt 11:28

♪ *Song:* Come Unto Jesus, Hymn 117



December 9:

Today's Goal: Do an anonymous deed today.

Reading: Luke 10:30-34,36

♪ *Song:* Because I Have Been Given Much, Hymn 219



December 10:

Today's Goal: Use your free agency to set some goals for yourself, seal a copy in an envelope to be opened next year.

Reading: Moses 4:1-3

♪ *Song:* How Great the Wisdom and the Love, Hymn 195



December 11:

Today's Goal: Visit or call someone who is sick or lonely.

Reading: Matt 25:37-40

♪ *Song:* A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief, Hymn 29



December 12:

Today's Goal: You'll treasure the time you spend helping others. Do volunteer work for some worthy cause.

Reading: 3 Nephi 13:19-20

♪ *Song:* I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, Hymn 214



December 13:

Today's Goal: Do something to bring cheer to someone who has reason to feel sad.

Reading: John 11:35, 36, 41, 43, 44

♪ *Song:* Abide With Me, Hymn 166



December 14:

Today's Goal: Do something fun with a child.

Reading: 3 Nephi 17:12, 21, 24

♪ *Song:* I Think When I Read That Sweet Story, Children's Songbook 56



December 15:

Today's Goal: Today tell someone that you love them. Express love for the Lord in your prayers.

Reading: John 14:15, Matt 7:12, Mark 10:43-44, John 13:34-35

♪ *Song:* Love One Another, Hymn 308



December 16:

Today's Goal: Try to forgive someone who has wronged you. If appropriate, go to him or her today and be reconciled.

Reading: 3 Nephi 12:44

♪ *Song:* Did You Think To Pray, Hymn 140



December 17:

Today's Goal: As you partake of the sacrament, make a special effort to think about the Savior.

Reading: 3 Nephi 18:1,3,5,7,9-11

♪ *Song:* While of These Emblems We Partake, Hymn 173



December 18:

Today's Goal: Be a calming influence today and try extra hard to control your temper.

Reading: Matt 8:23-26

♪ *Song:* Master the Tempest is Raging, p 105



December 19:

Today's Goal: Accept the gift of forgiveness. Pray to Heavenly Father about some weakness and ask for help in repenting of it.

Reading: Doctrine and Covenants 19:16-19

♪ *Song:* How Great Thou Art, Hymn 86



December 20:

Today's Goal: Read the accounts of the crucifixion of the four gospels, and then write your feelings in your journal.

Reading: Matt 27:28-30, Luke 23:33-34, Mark 15:29-32

♪ *Song:* There Is A Green Hill Far Away, Hymn 194



December 21:

Today's Goal: Read the accounts of the resurrection in the four gospels and 3 Nephi, and then write your feelings in your journal.

Reading: Matt 28:1-6, Isaiah 25:8, 3 Nephi 11:1-19

♪ *Song:* He Is Risen, Hymn 199



December 22:

Today's Goal: Go look at Christmas lights and think about where all light really comes from.

Reading: John 6:35, 8: 12, 10:14, 11:25

♪ *Song:* The Lord Is My Shepherd, Hymn 108



December 23:

Today's Goal: Go caroling with friends, but add other hymns that explore other aspects of the Savior's ministry.

Reading: Doctrine and Covenants 76: 19-24

♪ *Song:* I Know That My Redeemer Lives, Hymn 136



December 24:

Today's Goal: Try to live this day as if it were the day of the Christ's second coming.

Reading: Matt 24:27, 29-30, 36, 42

♪ *Song:* When He Comes Again, Children's Songbook 82



December 25:

Jesus was born in the meridian of time, thus giving an ideal vantage point to look both backward and forward. For the last 24 days you have stood, as it were, in Bethlehem, gazing in both directions. You have heard the Master's voice in premortal councils. You have seen Him suffer, die, and rise again. You have watched Him return triumphant in the clouds of heaven. Now you are ready to focus with greater joy on that moment when heaven came down to earth.

Today's Goal: Consider what gift you could give the Savior and determine to give it all year long.

Reading: 1 Nephi 11:14-15, 18-21; Luke 1:30-32, 34-35, 38; Luke 2:1, 3-16

♪ *Song:* Joy To the World, Hymn 201



December 26:

Your goal today and for the rest of your life is to read and enjoy the word of God as found in the Holy Scriptures. Give yourself a gift that fills every day of your life with the real spirit of Christmas.

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