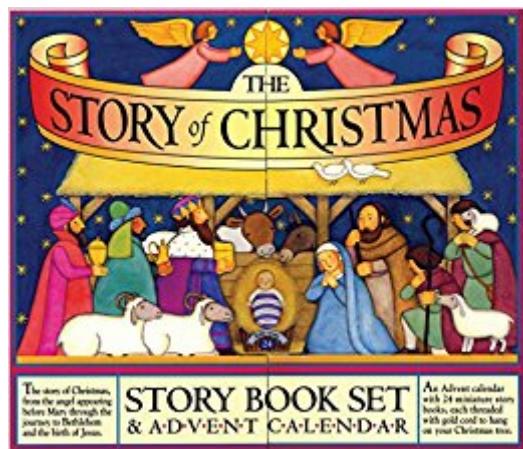


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# The Story Of Christmas



## **Synopsis**

It's back! The Story of Christmas, the innovative Advent calendar, story book set, and tree-trimming keepsake. Wonderfully illustrated and brimming with holiday spirit, the calendar features 24 jewel-like miniature board books nestled in a three-paneled, stand-alone backer. The books are numbered 1 through 24, and, like the peek-a-boo windows on an Advent calendar, are meant to be opened one per day from December 1st through Christmas Eve. Read in sequence, they capture the magic of the first Christmas, from Gabriel's visit to Mary (Book 4) to the Three Wise Men gazing at the star (Book 9) to Jesus' birth (Book 24). Each book is one of four different trim sizes and features a gold thread loop so that after it's read, it can be hung on the Christmas tree

## **Book Information**

Calendar

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Age Range: 1 - 18 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

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Friends of ours gave us this years ago and it's a Christmas tradition we have loved. This is a set of 24 books that tell the story of Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem, about the wise men, and about Christ's birth. One book is read per day starting on December 1st, leading up to Christmas Eve

when the last (and largest) book is read. We let our two kids take turns each night picking out that day's book and placing it on the tree as an ornament after we've read it. When they were little, we'd read it to them. Now that they are older, the one whose turn it is reads the book out loud. We like it so much, when I found this on I purchased two to give to friends for next December. Like others have said, it's fair to warn that this doesn't follow the Bible account to the letter - there are definitely some liberties taken. It isn't anything offensive, I feel like, but I could see it bothering some people and this set would not be good for you if you prefer a purely scripture account. I do know there are a few parts that make me squirm a little because it isn't really what we believe. For those parts, we've taken that to be a teaching moment, using the stories as kind of a jumping off point to insert some of our personal beliefs. It's worked for us, leading to some interesting discussions with our kids. We've found it to be a way we can concentrate on Christ during the season, instead of Christmas trees, presents, and Santa. I'm excited to share these when December rolls around.

We only used this for 2 Christmases. We realized after the first time reading through that it isn't quite biblical or true to scripture in some parts, and adds things in that aren't specifically in the Bible. I will be making my own advent calendar next year

This has become our new Christmas tradition and I'm so glad I started it when my kids are so young. We love the story and the act of hanging each ornament story book on the tree. Great buy!

This book is amazing. With two young kids, I struggled to figure out how to teach them the true meaning of Christmas. In looking up and researching advent calendars, most of them just had to do with chocolate, which I didn't want to give my kids every single day. This story of Christmas got them excited every night to read 'one of the tiny books' that they eagerly listened to, and then promptly hung on the tree after the story since each little book is actually a Christmas tree ornament. Great family tradition in the making. And the books are sturdy- so they'll last quite a few years I'm betting.

Perfect for telling the true meaning of Christmas to children. Not too tough for my four year old to get the little books out. They can even hang on your tree if you desire.

Tradition in our home. I have had one of these for over 24 years. Just bought this one for my daughter who shared it with our first grandchild. He loved it.

This is cute as the kids can learn some of the Story of Christmas and also hang the ornaments on the tree. One of the strings on the ornaments broke on ours and it was very hard to put it back together as these are tiny ornaments. It's a nice set but not spectacular.

I was searching for an Advent Calendar that would help to tell the Christmas story and this is exactly what i was hoping for. I love how the little books are stored in the larger book, and especially love that the small books are ornaments that you hand on the tree after each one is read. My 7 year old daughter reads the book to us each night and they are very easy for her to read. So glad we started this Christmas tradition and I look forward to enjoying it for the years to come.

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