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Unwrap the Full Love Story of Christmas with Ann Voskamp In *The Greatest Gift*, New York Times bestselling author Ann Voskamp celebrates the majesty of God's greatest gift to us—His son, Jesus Christ—through the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree. Now, in this stunning four-week video curriculum, Ann draws viewers even deeper into Scripture as she explores and illuminates the magnificence of God's Word through the unfurling of the greatest love story ever told—God's ardent and relentless pursuit of us. Perfect for families and ideal for small groups, *The Greatest Gift DVD* is a moment of calm amid the busy holiday season. This is sure to become an annual Christmas tradition in homes and churches everywhere.

An Interactive ADVENTure for Your Family Toys and games are great, but the best gifts from God last a lifetime and beyond. Help your children understand the real meaning of Christmas with this 25-day discovery of the good things God has given us, leading up to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. From creation to Christmas, your little ones will gain a greater understanding of what God has done and how all of Scripture points toward Jesus. Each day your children will learn a key Scripture verse based on that day's brief teaching interact with modern and detailed illustrations that correspond to the text answer insightful, open-ended questions to help apply the day's reading read a prayer that reinforces the biblical concept being taught As you walk your children through the Advent season, your family will gain a deeper appreciation of God's goodness and develop a stronger sense of gratitude for the ultimate gift of salvation. Begin a special new tradition in your home this December with *The Best Gift Ever Given*.

Christmas is a chaotic time of year. With so much focus on material gifts and the anticipation of a certain jolly visitor, parents may easily feel their children are missing the true meaning of Christmas as they count down the days until December 25. *The Way to the Manger* engages families with the biblical truth of Christmas through twenty-five Advent devotions that redirect children and families to their need for a Savior and the amazing gift of Jesus Christ. Sure to become a keepsake that is revisited year after year, this book also provides talking points and activities for families to enjoy together, bringing the focus of Christmas back to Jesus and family time.

This talented and imaginative writer offers a unique perspective on the season of Advent. Along with Scripture readings and prayers, he offers four weeks of meditations that focus on the growth of Jesus in the womb of Mary as he approaches the day of his birth, learns his mother's voice, responds to the presence of light and dark, and begins to position himself for birth. What does this teach us about our own spiritual journey through Advent? That waiting and preparation is essential to the Christian life. By reflecting on our own birth experiences and Jesus's own progress through the womb, Christians learn how to remain intimate with God, how to approach the light, and how to get ready for new birth in Christ.

The greatest mind in the universe imagined time. The truest judge granted Adam a choice. But it was love that gave Immanuel, God with us. The Author would enter his own story. The Word would become flesh. He, too, would be born. He, too, would be human. He, too, would have feet and hands, tears and flesh. Best-selling author Max Lucado, invites readers to witness the birth of Christ as they've never seen it before, through twenty-five inspirational selections from his most popular books. Selections are taken from *3:16*, *God Came Near*, *The Applause of Heaven*, and more. Join Mary and Joseph inside a stable, beside a shepherd, at the feet of the King in the manger.

Advent for Everyone: A Journey with the Apostles provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Advent season, from the first Sunday in Advent through the Saturday after the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each day of the season, helping readers understand Advent in the wider context of God's love. Wright's engaging and accessible writing and imagery help us see Advent both in relation to the gospel message and in our own lives today. Each Sunday's text uses the Mark passage from the Revised Common Lectionary, with the rest of the week drawn from other passages in the Gospel and the lectionary. This book is suitable for both individual and group study and reflection.

In *Preparing for Jesus*, best-selling author and master storyteller Walter Wangerin Jr. recreates verbal images of the events surrounding the Advent of Christ, offering a devotional journey into the heart of the Christmas season. Through rich detail and vivid images, these moving meditations make Christ's birth both intimate and immediate, allowing us to see Christmas from its original happening to its perennial recurrence in our hearts. *Preparing for Jesus* is sure to be a seasonal classic, treasured year after year.

Walking to the Manger is a four-week daily devotional inviting you to make walking, reflecting, and prayer a part of your daily Advent practice. Just as Mary and Joseph traveled the long journey to Bethlehem, during the Christian season of Advent, we journey in faith through the lessons of the season. We prepare in body and spirit to meet the Christ-child once again. In the words of a psalm, every week of *Walking to the Manger* begins a new theme for reflection. You'll also find space to record a "movement goal," or a reasonable physical challenge for yourself. Then each day in Advent offers a passage of Scripture from the Psalms,

prophets, Gospel writers, or the apostle Paul, along with a reflection and prayer. These tools guide your Advent journey, setting you on a course toward attaining your goals, both physically and spiritually. These four weeks will: - focus your heart during a busy season - inspire you to move bodily as well as spiritually - prepare you in body and spirit to meet the Christ-child once again These tools guide your Advent journey, setting you on a course toward attaining your goals, both physically and spiritually - weekly reflection themes - space to record movement goals - seasonal Scripture explorations - brief focused prayers - daily diary of devotional thoughts

The chronological retelling of God's eternal purpose in the birth of His Son.

In this widely popular, exciting story for the advent season, readers follow ten-year-old Jotham across Israel as he searches for his family. Though he faces thieves, robbers, and kidnappers, Jotham also encounters the wise men, shepherds, and innkeepers until at last he finds his way to the Savior born in Bethlehem.

Journey to the Manger explores the New Testament's various accounts of the birth of Jesus: their origins in Old Testament prophecies, the genealogies, the angelic announcements, the journeys and arrivals, and the aftermath of Jesus' birth for the powerful and the poor alike. Engaging seriously with biblical and historical criticism, Paula Gooder uncovers key similarities running through the Gospel writers' accounts and focuses on their shared understanding of the significant events they describe. Her detailed exploration of the texts is a gold mine for preaching and teaching, and will breathe new life into the familiar Christmas stories heard year after year in churches, hymn sings, and nativity plays. Devotional reflections and discussion questions also make this ideal for personal and group study. Rooted in the conviction that greater understanding of the Bible leads to deeper discipleship, this is an essential resource for preachers, teachers, and study group leaders, as well as those who simply wish to get to know the Bible better.

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary. The five sessions are: 1. Beginning with the End 2. The Piercing of Mary's Soul 3. Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished 4. Mary, Full of Grace 5. It Was Not a Silent Night

Arranged for daily reading in the hectic run-up to Christmas, this book will enable us to grow more fully into a way of being that is governed more by expectancy than by urgency, more focused on God's presence today than on some imagined future. Changing the focus of our restless, busy lives takes time and for most of us will be a lifetime's work, but we venture on this journey in companionship with the God who waits with us.

Every day of December brings a delightful new Christmas tradition in this unique advent book. Each day features a festive activity to countdown towards Christmas. It might be a recipe for a delicious homemade treat, instructions for a cozy craft, a game to play, a carol to sing, or a beautifully illustrated story to read with the whole family. This inviting twist on the traditional advent calendar is perfect for families who love to put their own spin on celebrating the holidays • Offers fun-filled activity based advent calendar for families • Designed to be shared together year after year • Beautifully illustrated with accessible and stylish images Fans of Once Upon a Magic Book and Cookie Advent Cookbook will love this book. This book is perfect for: • Anyone who celebrates Christmas • Families who love holiday traditions • Parents, grandparents, and gift givers

A PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER Motherhood is hard. In a world of five-step lists and silver-bullet solutions to become perfect parents, mothers are burdened with mixed messages about who they are and what choices they should make. If you feel pulled between high-fives and hard words, with culture's solutions only raising more questions, you're not alone. But there is hope. You might think that Scripture doesn't have much to say about the food you make for breakfast, how you view your postpartum body, or what school choice you make for your children, but a deeper look reveals that the Bible provides the framework for finding answers to your specific questions about modern motherhood. Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler help you understand and apply the gospel to common issues moms face so you can connect your Sunday morning faith to the Monday morning tantrum. Discover how closely the gospel connects with today's motherhood. Join Emily and Laura as they walk through the redemptive story and reveal how the gospel applies to your everyday life, bringing hope, freedom, and joy in every area of motherhood.

Begin a new Advent family tradition with this beautiful celebration of the season! Fill your hearts with joy as you read and reflect on this most special of seasons in our faith. From Glenys Nellist, the bestselling author of the Snuggle Time and Love Letters from God series as well as the holiday favorites 'Twas the Evening of Christmas and 'Twas the Morning of Easter, comes 'Twas the Season of Advent, a beautiful and heartwarming celebration of Advent that's perfect for the entire family. Perfect as a family devotional, each day of Advent is celebrated with stories from the Old and New Testaments, highlighting the promise of Christ's birth. Written in both prose and poetry, 'Twas the Season of Advent will engage children and adults alike and become a new holiday tradition for families everywhere! 'Twas the Season of Advent: Written in prose and poetry to appeal to all ages, especially 4-8 year olds Brings Advent to life with Scripture as well as the lovely storytelling of Glenys Nellist Beautiful artwork done by Elena Selivanova Perfect gift for the family as they prepare for the Christmas season Portions written in the familiar rhyme scheme of Clement Moore's Twas the Night Before Christmas Cover features spot UV 'Twas the season of Advent, when all through the earth, People were pausing to ponder Christ's birth. The bright lights were hung 'round the doorframes with care In hopes that Christmastime soon would be there... Prepare the way for the LORD. Isaiah 40:3 Welcome to the wonderful season of Advent! Do you know what Advent means? It means 'the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event'. Advent is a time when we wait, and prepare for, and look forward to, the arrival of God's son, Jesus. But the word Advent is part of a bigger word, too. Can you see it in the word Adventure?

This inspirational book takes the reader through Advent to the celebration of Christmas through the eyes and beliefs of Celtic Christianity. Starting in November and reflecting on Jesus' coming at his birth as well as into our lives by the Holy Spirit and at the world's end, the author offers a unique approach to the season to help you gain a new sense of wonder in the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Advent should be an adventure! One that honors tradition without bowing the knee to retail-bullying. One that embraces

fun and gift-giving without breaking the bank. One that engages more of me than just my schedule and my credit card. The season of Advent may appear to have been hijacked by a relentless stream of commercial messages - but this year can be different! Instead of plodding through another stress-filled holiday, women on the move are choosing a different route to Christmas morning. Trek to the Manger is a tool in the hands (and hearts) of busy women during the season of Advent, which begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Each daily devotion presents an opportunity to redeem the Christmas holiday and reclaim our focus on the Light of the World. This spiritual adventure is an ideal resource for small groups, Bible studies, or personal devotional reading. A reading schedule is available online at pinkshoesministries.me for women wishing to join others on this journey of faith. It's time to fire up your GPS and grab a traveling buddy or two! Not for another trip to the mall... for a Trek to the Manger.

Add The Advent Storybook to your family holiday traditions and enjoy the rich images and thoughtful retellings of ancient stories that feature God's recurring, faithful promise to rescue us. A simple question at the end of each story helps readers engage in understanding the bigger story God wants us all to know—the good news of Jesus coming to save us. Parents and children alike will delight in the biblical messages of joy, hope, and peace every day as they look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth.

Waiting Here for You helps us anticipate rather than dread the busy season of Advent and Christmas. Life is full of waiting – we can't escape it. We find ourselves in the middle of it every day – waiting on a prognosis to be given...a verdict to be reached...a promotion to be announced. And in these seasons of waiting that anxiety, desperation and hopelessness creep in. Waiting Here For You takes us through the advent – the season of waiting. In it we see the story of the coming of Jesus. It teaches us that waiting is the means God often uses to carry his plans in our lives. And it brings us back to the truth that our waiting is never wasted when we are waiting on God. Join pastor and author Louie Giglio and take hold of the chance to uncover the vast hope offered through the journey of Advent. Find peace and encouragement for your soul as anticipation leads toward celebration! Waiting is not wasted when it is waiting with the Lord.

Based on her bestseller *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*, Ann Voskamp expands her presentation of the timeless Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree with this beautiful keepsake book that can be handed down and enjoyed for generations. Each December, families can celebrate the coming of Jesus by opening the book to see a stunning 13-inch, three-dimensional Jesse Tree pop up from the page. At its foot are 25 doors, one for each day of Advent, which hide meaningful, beautifully detailed ornaments--including the Christmas star--that are ready to be hung on the tree. Also inside is a simple devotional book with a reading for each ornament. Create precious holiday memories with *The Wonder of the Greatest Gift* pop-up book and recapture the sacredness of the Advent season as you celebrate the epic pageantry of the coming of the Messiah.

?An Advent Book of Days tells the stories of all the characters and creatures that make up the Christmas story, with daily prayers and reflections based on their experiences. Fully illustrated in colour, this rich seasonal companion combines the bible, history, art and legend to explore the story of the incarnation. For each day of Advent, we meet a character caught up in the drama of the nativity, from the archangel Gabriel to the ox and ass in the stable. We discover what their portrayal in scripture reveals about them, how they have been understood in history, what folk legends have accrued around them, and what their stories offer for faith and devotion today. This is a book to engage all the senses and the imagination, to be enjoyed slowly and to shed new light on the most famous and familiar story of all.

With the season of Advent, the coming of Christ is imminent, and following the contours of the season leads through a rich time of preparation for God-with-us in the Incarnation. R. S. Thomas, a poet of waiting and anticipation, can be a profound guide for this season. His spiritual and poetic trajectory of discovering the presence of God - divine 'frequencies' - even in apparent absence, can help lead us into an Advent landscape of surrender, open-hearted discovery, epiphany and encounter. This collection of 28 reflections on Thomas's poetry travels through the season, and follows one of the traditional patterns of themes explored in each Sunday of Advent: a Carmelite pattern of waiting, accepting, journeying and birthing.

Benjamin Bear is so impatient for Christmas to come. To help the time pass more quickly, his mother tells him that every day when he opens a door on his Advent calendar she'll tell him a story--"twenty-four stories all about another little bear and his long, arduous journey to Bethlehem. The little bear, led by a glittering star, meets many others on his travels across hot deserts, snowy mountains, and through dark, lonely nights. His adventures, filled with acts of heroism and kindness and many small miracles, show him the path to the Christ Child. And by journey's end Benjamin Bear--"and all youngsters who share the stories and their simple morals along with him--"will understand and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from his Christmas sermons, these daily devotions are timeless and moving reminders of the true gift of Christmas.

This December, spend a few moments of each day leading up to Christmas helping your family focus on the true joys and meaning of Advent with *25 Days of the Christmas Story: An Advent Family Experience*. This is a devotional perfect for families of all shapes, sizes, and schedules. Each of the 25 days highlights a different person, place, or object from the Christmas story—from the prophet Isaiah to Baby Jesus, from the Christmas star to the gift of frankincense. All devotions include an easy-to-read story, character trait, activity, and more—each designed to reinforce the main theme of the day. Your family can choose simply to read each day's story or to go deeper and engage with each day's features. Either way, parents and children are sure to learn and celebrate the season of Advent together while having fun in the process! A true heirloom in the making, the book includes pages in the back where parents and kids can record memories of each day's activities and write journal entries to look back on year after year, Christmas after Christmas.

Also Available: What Am I Feeling?

Experience the true meaning of Christmas this year with The Giving Manger--a faith-based, interactive family tradition that encourages acts of kindness, focuses on giving rather than getting, and honors the real reason for Christmas--Jesus' birth. Each Giving Manger Box Set contains a hardcover picture book, a wooden manger, a bundle of straw, and a sturdy Baby Jesus figure--everything your family needs to start the tradition in your own home. How It WorksThe included picture book, The Giving Manger, will help your family understand the tradition and get little ones excited about participating. Once you have read the story, place the empty manger in a prominent spot in your home. In the days leading up to Christmas, family members can place a piece of straw in the manger each time they perform a kind deed or act of service. Filling the manger will become a fun, interactive project for your family, prompting even young children to look for ways to love and serve others. As your family works together to fill the manger with straw, your hearts and home will fill with the joy and contentment that comes not from wish lists and getting, but from giving and loving others. On Christmas Day, your family can place the Baby Jesus in the manger--now full of the straw that represents the acts of love and service done in honor of Jesus' birth. Each Box Set Includes: The Giving Manger Picture Book a heartwarming story with beautiful cut-paper illustrations that presents the tradition and will get kids excited about participating Wooden Manger to be placed in a visible spot in the home, waiting to be filled Bundle of Straw pieces of straw to be placed in the manger after each act of service Baby Jesus to be placed in the manger on Christmas day Each item in the box is built to last, so your family can keep the tradition going year after year. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Helvetica}

A labyrinth is a pattern consisting of a single circuitous path that winds into the centre, with no possibility of getting lost, as in a maze, and no dead ends. It is one of the most ancient tools for spiritual growth and development, dating back to medieval Christianity. This book provides a guide for beginner and seasoned explorer alike.

Journey to the Manger With St. Patrick & FriendsA Six-Week Celtic Advent DevotionalCreateSpace

This 25-day devotional book is filled with fun, interactive stories, Scripture readings, questions, and simple activities told from the perspective of Your very own Shepherd.

From pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller comes the perfect gift for the Christmas holiday—a profoundly moving and intellectually provocative examination of the nativity story Even people who are not practicing Christians think they are familiar with the story of the nativity. Every Christmas displays of Baby Jesus resting in a manger decorate lawns and churchyards, and songs about shepherds and angels fill the air. Yet despite the abundance of these Christian references in popular culture, how many of us have examined the hard edges of this biblical story? In his new book Timothy Keller takes readers on an illuminating journey into the surprising background of the nativity. By understanding the message of hope and salvation within the Bible's account of Jesus' birth, readers will experience the redeeming power of God's grace in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Celebrate a Season of Wonder and Waiting Though the holidays are often jam-packed with busyness, the weeks leading up to Yuletide are still a time to reflect on the miracle of Jesus's birth. Shadow and Light is a concise and customizable guide for the Advent season to help you rediscover your childlike wonder and contemplate the sacred gift we celebrate in the Christmas season. From bestselling author Tsh Oxenreider, Shadow and Light is a rich yet approachable experience that invites you to explore the historical meaning of Advent. Drawing from liturgical tradition, Tsh provides fresh insights for new and longtime believers alike. Each day includes Scripture, a reflection, a question, and a simple activity to engage the senses, such as lighting candles, listening to music, and viewing artwork both old and new. Let yourself break away from the hustle and bustle of crafts, cookies, and Christmas parties, and receive your invitation to remember the quiet focus of our celebration. Shadow and Light will help you reclaim the holiday season as a time to remember Jesus's first coming, and to long for his one-day return.

How to focus on Christ during Advent Most Christians agree that Christmas is all about Jesus, yet most of us spend little time preparing our hearts to celebrate Him. Why is this? Partly because we don't know how. In Unwrapping the Names of Jesus, Asheritah Ciuciu leads readers through the four weeks of Advent (Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love). Each week: Begins with an interactive family devotional that equips readers to celebrate Advent together Offers five daily reflections that focus on that week's name of Jesus Includes suggestions for fun-filled family activities or service projects This devotional can be used by readers in their own personal worship times or as a tool to engage in family worship during the busy holiday season. Either way, participants will gain a greater sense of awe and wonder at who Jesus is. By focusing on the person and character of Jesus throughout the Advent season, readers will prepare their hearts so that when they admire the live nativity, sit in the candlelight service, or wake up on Christian morning, they can join the faithful who sing from the bottom of their hearts, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

The Manger Mission: A Family Christmas Tradition is a story told through the eyes of playful, reminiscing Wise Men, now part of a family's nativity set, as they anticipate Christmas each year while reflecting on their first journey to meet Jesus. Each morning leading up to Christmas, the children in the family choose a place for the Wise Men as they journey through their home, every day moving them closer to the nativity where they can once again see baby Jesus. On Christmas morning, the children return the Wise Men to the nativity as part of their family's Christmas morning tradition. When was the last time you saw Jesus? REALLY saw him? If the troubles of this world occupy your mind, ... it's time for a redirected focus. If your prayers seem stale, ... you need a fresh infusion of his glory. And if you feel powerless to stand up to your situation, ... maybe it's time to kneel before the Savior. Come and Behold will lead to Come and Adore. This personal Christmas Advent journey will take you to places where you can witness the glory and majesty of God With Us. The 13 Advent devotionals are packed with Scriptural insight that weaves Jesus' first coming in a manger with his second coming in glory. You'll travel between the Old Testament and New Testament drawing connections about the Messiah

you may never have seen. The companion website (BeholdAdvent.com) even includes: a playlist of songs, corresponding artwork, and a free schedule you can use to turn this book into a daily devotional journey. The Advent devotions are each inspired by a favorite line of a treasured Christmas hymn: Come and behold him Let every heart prepare him room Fall on your knees O holy night A weary world rejoices A thrill of hope With the dawn of redeeming grace Light and Life to all he brings The soul felt its worth Mary, did you know that sleeping child you're holding is the great I AM Chains he shall break What child is this? This is Christ the King Gloria in excelsis Deo Begin with BEHOLD and Christmas will take on a whole new look! Let this Bible study guide you into an Advent season full of devotion, meditation, and spiritual growth.

A SIX-WEEK Advent devotional guide. Is your journey to Christmas usually filled with thoughts of wishing you could skip right past the season? Does your pace of life become so fast that you feel you are spinning out of control? Would you like to find a more peace-filled path on which you can journey this year? Then this is the book for you. We will begin our journey on November 11th and walk the ancient path of the early Celtic Christians. Traveling in the company of Saints, sinners and storytellers, you will be invited to embrace a new, yet old, approach to Advent. Together we will recover the map they followed and find the treasure they found: the treasure of Emmanuel – God with us. From Gordon MacDonald's Foreword: "Should you choose to follow Jean through the Advent weeks, lighting candles as you go along, you'll find a set of uplifting and deepening reflections for every day. They are not burdensome or time-consuming. Each reading is designed to help us center our thoughts upon the true thrust of Advent. In this book there are rousing Celtic prayers: I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three There are wonderful stories: "I was five years old," Jean writes, "and Christmas was coming." You can't imagine what comes next as Jean reminisces on the generosity of God as understood through the eyes of a child. There are old hymns: "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, when the clouds unfold their wings of strife. . . ." Great Psalms . . . encouraging promises . . . poems from the heart of the great mothers and fathers of the Christian movement. In giving us this spiritual guide for Advent, Jean Hess has provided us a wonderful gift. I am among those who are truly grateful."

Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week.

Rings. Dress. Cake. You're engaged, and the checklist for the day of your dreams is a mile long. In the who, what, where, and how of planning, the why can be forgotten. Ready to Wed discusses 12 Traits of a thriving marriage and offers a variety of topics to guide and advise those preparing to say, "I do!" Learn to: Define a vision statement unique to your marriage. Positively engage conflict to build a foundation of trust and forgiveness. "Leave and cleave," even if you are a child of divorce. Manage expectations—and your in-laws! Navigate hot-button issues including, sex and the chore wars. Cope with change, stress, and crisis—especially in your first year. Build a community of support and find mentors. Assess your progress using the Couple Checkup. Loaded with advice, tips, and instructions, this valuable resource is ideal for soon-to-be-newlyweds and those who support them!

Offers guidance for taking part in the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree, with scriptural passages, devotions, and activities intended to apply their themes.

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