

Flexagon Advent Calendar

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You will need:

- Two templates (see next pages)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Colouring pens
- Sticky tape

What to do:

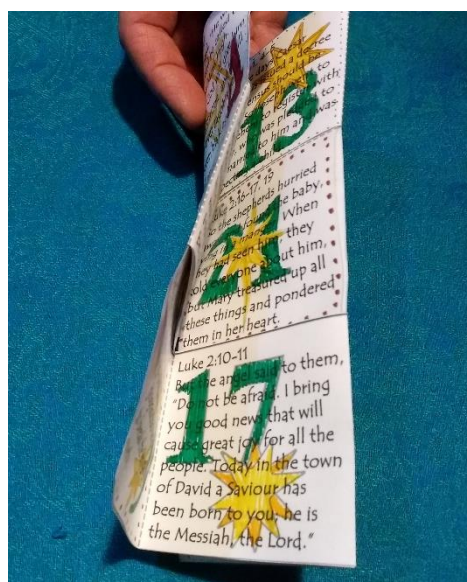
1. Print out the templates on to white or coloured paper and decorate the squares (or you can colour them each day as you go).
2. Cut around the edges and stick the pages back-to-back. Make sure they are both the same way up!
3. Fold along the dotted lines running top to bottom. Bend the paper both ways because we want it to be really flexible.
4. If you look at the middle rectangle, you will see that there are solid lines around three sides, with a dotted line on one short end. Cut along the solid lines but NOT along the dotted line.
5. Put your flexagon on a table with the number 1 in the top left-hand corner.
6. Push the middle rectangle through the hole to the left, so that the number 2 square sticks out on the left and there is a rectangle hole in the middle.
7. Fold the entire right-hand column underneath, so that you can see number 12 in the hole.
8. Fold that column underneath again so that number 21 fills the hole in the middle.
9. Take the number 2 square sticking out on the left and fold it over on top so that 5 meets 21 in the middle.
10. Join number 5 to number 21 with sticky tape, making sure the tape does not go on any other squares.

How to use it:

Now you are ready to flex! Finding the first reading is easy, but where is number 2?

Hold the flexagon with number 1 at the top left-hand corner and fold the sides together like a book. Gently ease open the *back* of the book, pulling the sides towards you, and you will find new numbers (4, 20, 12, 8 etc). Look on the back, and there is number 2!

Flex it backwards next – with number 2 facing you, push the sides away and open it in the middle like a book to find number 3. Keep flexing to find all the numbers from 1 to 24.



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<p>Luke 1:26-27 God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a young woman pledged to be married to Joseph, a descendant of David. The young woman's name was Mary.</p>	<p>Luke 2:1, 4-5 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken. So Joseph went to Bethlehem to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.</p>	<p>Matthew 2:5-6 For this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."</p>	<p>Matthew 1:20 But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because the child in her belly is from the Holy Spirit."</p>
<p>Luke 2:6-7 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.</p>	<p>Matthew 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed low and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and gave him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.</p>	<p>Luke 1:34-35 "How will this be?" Mary asked the angel. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you," replied the angel. "So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."</p>	<p>Luke 2:16-17, 19 So the shepherds hurried away and found the baby, lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they told everyone about him, but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.</p>
<p>Matthew 1:19 Joseph, her soon-to-be husband, was faithful to the law and yet did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.</p>	<p>Luke 2:10-11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."</p>	<p>Luke 2:8-9 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around, and they were terrified!</p>	<p>Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled!" Then the angel left her.</p>

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<p>Matthew 2:8-10 Herod sent them to Bethlehem, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.</p>	<p>Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The young woman will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel", (which means "God is with us").</p>	<p>Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The young woman will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel", (which means "God is with us").</p>
<p>Matthew 1:21 The angel said to Joseph, "Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."</p>	<p>Luke 1:28-29 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.</p>	<p>John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.</p>
<p>Luke 1:30-31 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus."</p>	<p>Luke 1:46-49 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."</p>	<p>Matthew 2:1-2 Wise men came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."</p>
<p>Luke 2:12 The angel said, "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."</p>	<p>Luke 2:13-14 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."</p>	<p>Luke 1:32-33 The angel said, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him David's throne, and he will reign over Jacob's house forever; his kingdom will never end."</p>

Matthew 1:18
Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, Mary was found to be expecting a baby through the Holy Spirit.