

Dear Student;

We start the church year with Advent. Advent is a season of waiting and watching as we prepare for birth of Jesus.

This is a time to practice waiting patiently. Your packet includes a book with the stories of those who were there at the very first Christmas. They are short, but tell the familiar tales in a new way. As you wait for Christmas, take the time to read through these stories and hear what it was like waiting for the Messiah to come. And think of what it is like now, waiting for Jesus to come again.

Some wondering questions for you to ponder:

- "I wonder how it feels to be waiting a long time."
- "I wonder how Simeon felt after seeing Jesus?"
- "I wonder how Anna felt after seeing Jesus?"
- "I wonder what Mary and Joseph were thinking."
- "I wonder how Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the one they were waiting for?"
- "I wonder what Anna and Simeon said to God after seeing this baby."
- "I wonder how Mary felt when she saw the angel?"
- "I wonder how it felt to be chosen?"
- "I wonder what did you read about the name of this baby?"
- "I wonder what will this baby do?"
- "I wonder what did you read about Mary's answer to the angel?"
- "I wonder how it felt to travel so far while pregnant?"
- "I wonder how Elizabeth felt to see Mary?"
- "How did Elizabeth know the Mary was going to have a baby?"
- "How did Elizabeth's baby know that Mary's baby was special?"
- "Mary stays for 3 months and then leaves before Elizabeth's baby is born. How do you think Elizabeth felt to have her go?"
- "I wonder how Zechariah felt?"
- "I wonder how it must have been staying quite all those months."
- "I wonder how it felt to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem?"
- "I wonder how it felt to not be able to stay at the inn?"
- "I wonder how did Joseph feel?"
- "I wonder about how the Shepherds felt? The angel said "Do not be afraid." Just like the angel that told Mary about Jesus."
- "I wonder how many angels appeared?"
- "I wonder what the shepherds did when they saw Mary and Joseph and the baby? What did Mary do?"

As you wait for Christmas to come, there is a Thomas Mosin Advent Calendar with a Bible verse to read and a simple activity for each day. You can color each day if you want.

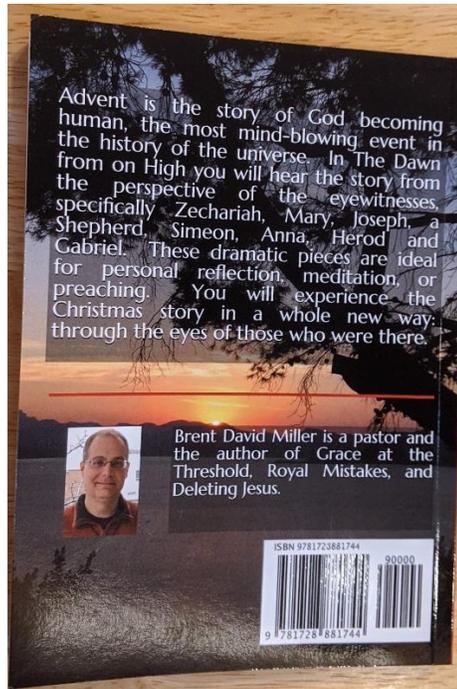
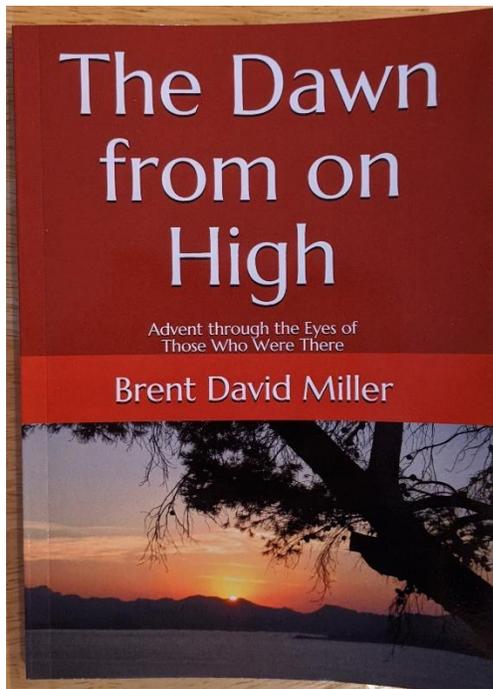
There is also an advent calendar that has doors to open and the Christmas story. You can compare it to what is in your book.

There is also an advent wreath craft for fun.

Happy waiting!

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Included in the packet was a Thomas Mousin advent Calendar (<https://thomasmousin.com/>), an advent calendar with the Christmas story, an advent wreath craft, and the following book:



The book can be purchased at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)