

kid LEADERS' guide

THIS Week...

This week we're talking about advent – counting down to Jesus' birthday.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSES: John 1:9, John 3:16, Luke 2:10-11

KEY WORDS: advent, getting ready for Christmas

BEFORE today's lesson:

- Make sure you have all the materials you need for the 'Welcome Zone' and 'Fun Zone' activities.
- Gather together all the required ingredients for 'Grub Zone'.
- Have enough Kidzone magazines for every child!
- Print off the 'Beyond the Zone' card.

When preparing your program, consider each of the 'zones' and how they will best work in your context.

You may like to mix up the order in which you do the 'zones'. You will, however, need to remember the 'Welcome Zone' needs to start the session, the 'Zone In' section needs to follow the 'God Zone', and the 'Beyond the Zone' happens at home.



WELCOMEZONE^{kz}

(5-7 mins)

PLAY a countdown game.

Ask the children to stand in a line and explain that they will be counting down from 25 silently in their mind, i.e. '25, 24, 23 etc'. Practise together the speed they'll hopefully be counting in their minds. When the leader says 'Go!', they start their countdown. When each player reaches 'zero', they take a step forward. The aim of the game is for everyone to get to 'zero' simultaneously and step forward at the same time.



GRUBZONE^{kz}

(10 mins)

MAKE Cheffy's Christmas tree lolly cones on **page 12**.



FUNZONE^{kz}

(15-18 mins)

READ the Bible message on **page 11**.

MAKE Oliver's advent calendar.

To streamline the activity, provide ready-made envelopes for the children to decorate. They can fill their calendars at home or you could provide stickers/ wrapped lollies etc for them to use.



GODZONE^{kz}

(5-7 mins)

WATCH the 'Ready, Set, Wait' – Christmas animation from The Salvation Army Family Advent Devotional Guide (3 minutes 12 seconds) www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTwIAhdOTok

CHAT about the video.



ZONEIN^{kz}

(5-7 mins)

READ Samuel's mega Bible puzzle on **page 13**.

DO the code puzzle, or choose one or two of the activity sheets from the family advent devotional guide to do: my.salvos.org.au/christmas-toolkit-2025/individuals-and-families

GIVE OUT the 'Beyond the Zone' cards and read through the activities.

GET READY FOR NEXT WEEK ...

To make the recipes and crafts next week you will need the following:

OLIVER'S SPONGE WATER BOMBS



- Sponges
- Scissors
- String
- Container of water



CHEFFY'S SUMMER SNACKS

A selection of fruit such as pineapple, watermelon etc to share.

If you wish to make pineapple coconut icy poles before the session, you will need:

- 1 pineapple
- Coconut milk
- 1 lime
- Icy pole moulds



Sign-up to receive the Kidzone Leaders' Guide upload alert each week — amazing!

Visit our website for more info (and heaps of fun),

kidzonemag.com.au/kidzone-leaders-guide

next
Week...

 We'd love to see some photos of your kids' church members enjoying the activities to include in the Kidzone magazine!

Email a picture of your group to kidzone@salvationarmy.org.au

*Please get permission from parents before sending photos and include a copy of signed parental consent for Kidzone to print image.

WWW.KIDZONEMAG.COM.AU ➔





BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.



BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.



BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.



BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.



BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.



BEYOND^{the}ZONE^{kz}

Have a go at some of these:

Read (or ask a grown-up to read to you) the story on **pages 4 and 5**. Finish with the message on **page 5**.

Did you make Oliver's advent calendar (or do you have another one)? Get ready to open the first envelope on **1 December**.

Make some of Cheffy's fun Christmas tree lolly cones with friends and/or fam and talk about what advent means together.