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# Keep Christ in Christmas

Advent invites us to make room for Jesus in the traditions we share. Read the Nativity story together, light an Advent candle, and choose one small act of kindness each week.

May the peace, hope, joy and love of Christ fill your home this Advent and Christmas.

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# ADVENT AT HOME






Read Luke 1:26–38 and 2:1–20 together. Invite children to arrange the Nativity figures as you tell the story. What do Mary and Joseph teach us about trust and care?

Let the traditions you already share point to Jesus. Remember the Light of the World when you see Christmas lights, or say a family prayer as you put up the tree.

Choose one act of kindness each week of Advent. Donate to a food bank, visit someone who is lonely, or write a card to a neighbour.

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## Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Your Son, Jesus. Remind us to make time for prayer, kindness and gratitude.

Fill our school community with hope, peace, joy and love. Help us recognize Christ in one another and share His light through acts of compassion and service.

May we wait with faith, care with generosity and celebrate with thankful hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Choose one simple activity each day to prepare your hearts for Jesus.

**ACTIVITIES**

# Faith in Action: Seeing Christ in Others



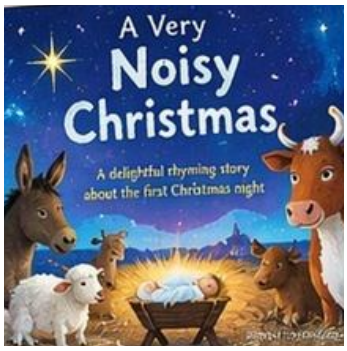
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In Matthew 25:31–46, Jesus tells us that when we care for someone in need, we care for him.

Choose a work of mercy to practise as a family. Let your child choose something for a food drive and talk about who it will help. Welcome someone who feels left out, visit a person who is lonely, or offer forgiveness.

Ask together: Where did we recognize Jesus in someone today?

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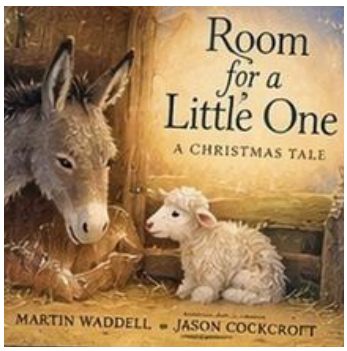
# December Book Nook




## A Very Noisy Christmas

Tim Thornborough

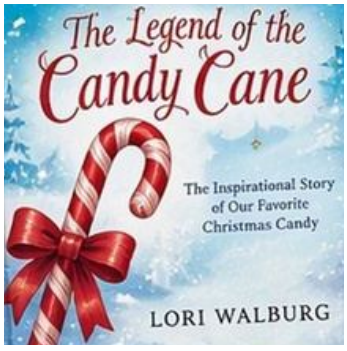
A rhyming read-aloud that follows the sounds of the first Christmas night.




## Room for a Little One

Martin Waddell

A gentle Nativity story about making room for others.




## The Legend of the Candy Cane

Lori Walburg

A Christmas story about how a familiar treat can remind us of Jesus.

**ALL 5 BOOKS**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED CATHOLIC TRUSTEES




OAPCE congratulates newly elected Catholic school board trustees across Ontario. Their decisions shape the daily experience of students, families and school communities.

Parents are their children's first educators. OAPCE encourages trustees to listen to families and bring their perspectives into decisions about Catholic education.

We look forward to working with trustees, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and other education partners to strengthen publicly funded Catholic education.

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Your generosity strengthens Catholic education and supports parents across Ontario.

Every contribution helps OAPCE advocate for our children, connect families and build a stronger community.

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