



Rejoice

TOGETHER ONE AND ALL!

This suite of resources has been created by a collaborative team from across the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church, to help congregations, communities and families celebrate Advent together intergenerationally.

During season of Advent and Christmas, we will use the lectionary readings (RCL year C) to Rejoice together one and all. Each week is themed:

1. Advent One: December 1st **Rejoice and SEE**
2. Advent Two: December 8th **Rejoice and HEAR**
3. Advent Three: December 15th **Rejoice and ACT**
4. Advent Four: December 22nd **Rejoice and FEEL**
5. Christmas: December 25th **Rejoice and CELEBRATE**
6. Post Christmas: December 29th **Rejoice and KNOW**

The material has been created for the 2024 Advent & Christmas season for these dates but can be used in any year.

There are a few parts of the resource, and all can be used together to connect what happens in worship, with the ordinary, everyday parts of life.

- **Worship Resource**

Including Bible readings, themes and suggestions for prayers and activities, to help prepare worship services for the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas Day, and the Sunday after Christmas. The material is designed specifically to help give easy-to-use tools and ideas to practice and model being intergenerational in your worshipping community.

Provide this to all members of worship planning teams so they can use any of this during worship.

- **Advent at Home**

Designed to be printed and gifted to congregation members and families for at-home and small group use. The material includes Bible Reflections, discussion questions, challenges and activities to rejoice together through seeing, hearing, feeling and acting on God's presence.

Providing and encouraging use of this in your community will help connect these families to what is happening in the gathered church community during the Advent and Christmas season.

- **The Great Rejoicing Advent Challenge**

Designed to be printed and made available to families connected to church ministries like playgroup, mainly music, messy church, and early learning centres. Through challenges, scavenger hunts, prayer, mindfulness and other seeing, hearing, acting and feeling activities, this resource is designed to introduce families to the advent theme of rejoicing.

Providing and encouraging use of this in your wider community will help connect these families to what is happening in the gathered church community during the Advent and Christmas season.

- **Early Learning Resource**

The Early Learning Resource available for childcare, playgroup, and other children's ministries to help these groups and programs connect with the theme, and connect activities in church, home, and the community.

- **Life Groups Resource**

This resource has been developed from the Advent at Home resource and modified for Life groups by Josie Neuendorff and Includes Scripture reading, Reflection, and discussion questions. It will also suit use in Small, Explore and Bible study groups.

- **Media files**

Including Coloring posters, background slides and a PowerPoint for use to enhance the resources.

The full suite of resources are available to download from the Qld Synod Hub at <https://hub.ucaqlld.com.au/church-life/discipleship-mission/#seasonal-resources>

For extra resources based on this theme check out the InterGen 2025 Lectionary Year C resources at <https://intergen.org.au/yearc2025adventchristmas>

We pray that this resource will help you prepare worship that connects your community and helps you Rejoice together, one and all. If you have any questions about the resources, or how to use them, please contact the Qld Synod Mission Accompanying Team at discipleship@ucaqlld.com.au.

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