



# The WHOLE Christmas Story

## Devotional Journey | Overview

Designed to be used during Advent, this 25-day devotional journey will help Christians explore the Christmas story's place in the whole biblical narrative – and reflect on how Jesus' birth promises redemption for all of our lives and all of creation.

Each day features a short reflection and a prayer prompt, both responding to a Bible verse. Throughout December, you'll focus on five key stages in the biblical story:

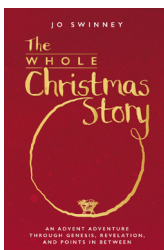
- God's creation of a good world
- Humanity's sin and fall
- The hope offered in the Old Testament
- Jesus's birth and ministry
- The redeemed new creation he makes possible

Each of these sections covers five days.

You can sign up to receive the journey free via email or YouVersion from November 2023. The first prompts will become available on 1 December. For now, here's a handy guide so you know what'll be covered!

### Join the devotional journey two ways:

- Via YouVersion app, by searching 'Licc Christmas'
- Via emails from LICC, by signing up at [licc.org.uk/advent-journey](https://licc.org.uk/advent-journey)



This devotional journey is based on the book *The Whole Christmas Story* by Jo Swinney. It's perfect for a more in-depth exploration of these themes, and can be purchased through BRF.

### THE VERY BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS

*God's good creation, and why it's worth saving.*

- Day 1 – Genesis 1:1–2, 9–10
- Day 2 – Genesis 1:26–27
- Day 3 – Genesis 1:28–30
- Day 4 – Genesis 2:20–25
- Day 5 – Psalm 104:14–18

### WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG

*Human sin and its consequences for every part of life.*

- Day 6 – Acts 7:39–43
- Day 7 – Genesis 3:23–24
- Day 8 – Psalm 6:1–8
- Day 9 – Romans 1:28–32
- Day 10 – Isaiah 24:4–6

### HERE'S HOPING

*God's plan to redeem his people and creation.*

- Day 11 – Isaiah 59:15–19
- Day 12 – Isaiah 9:3–7
- Day 13 – Isaiah 1:16–18
- Day 14 – Isaiah 35:3–6
- Day 15 – Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

### A BABY IS BORN

*How Jesus' birth signals renewal for all things.*

- Day 16 – John 1:4–13
- Day 17 – John 15:9–17
- Day 18 – Luke 2:6–11
- Day 19 – 1 Corinthians 15:19–26
- Day 20 – John 10:7–10

### LIFE AFTER CHRISTMAS

*How we're called to live as Christians, and the new creation to come.*

- Day 21 – Ephesians 4:20–24, 30
- Day 22 – Romans 12:9–18
- Day 23 – Romans 8:18–25
- Day 24 (Christmas Eve) – Matthew 28:16–20
- Day 25 (Christmas Day) – Matthew 24:36, 42–44