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- Have older children help read through the cards and take ownership of leading the time together.
- After you have read through the cards, hang them up on your Christmas tree or fridge, or string them together as a garland.
- Create a specific time to do them every day. After supper, before bath time, before breakfast, or whenever makes sense in your daily schedule.
- Don't worry if you miss a day or two, or even five! This resource is flexible, and you can read through multiple cards in a day or skip some if needed.
- Have younger children go through the cards and find all the cards with the color blue on them, a candle, an animal, a star, or an angel.

These are just a few ideas! We can't wait to hear about the experience you have with your family! When you come to church, talk to others about these cards and share stories and ideas. We hope that these cards enhance your celebration of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

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