

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, redemption and relationship. So, what happened? How did it turn into stuff, stress and debt? Somehow, we've traded the best story in the world for the story of what's on sale. Join others in the Advent Conspiracy as we show that Christmas still can change the world through **Worshipping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More and Loving All.**



WEEK 4: LOVE ALL

It all boils down to love. Love from a savior. Love to a neighbor in need. By spending just a little less on gifts we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help. This is the conspiracy three churches began a few years ago, and has since grown to an international movement where thousands of churches have raised millions of dollars to love others in life-changing ways. It's not that there's something wrong with the shopping mall—it's that the better story is about loving all.

Discuss these reflection questions with family, friends, and/or in your parish community. The questions were written for children & families, but can work for everyone.

LOVE ALL

1. When you hear someone talking about making a difference in the world, what do you think about? Do you think you can make a difference? Even right now?
2. How do you think people view Christians?

ENGAGING THE WORD

Luke 2:1-24

1. When you read the Christmas story in the Bible, you see that Jesus was born really poor. In fact, he had nothing! Imagine for a minute that you are as poor as Jesus was and read the Christmas story for the first time. How would it make you feel?

Luke 4:16-21

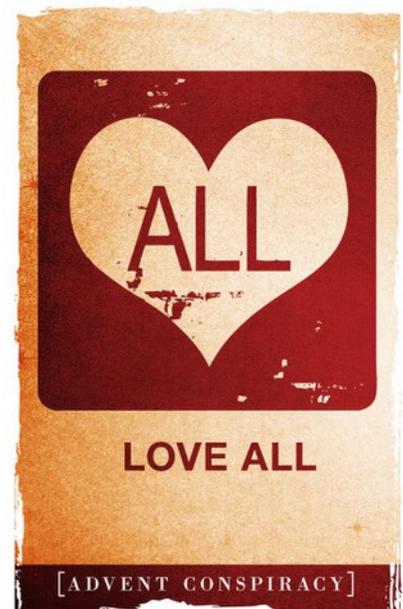
2. Do you think being poor is just about what stuff you have or how much money you have? Think about this – what if the richest man in the world had NO friends! Would he be poor? In a way, yes! It's that way with all of us. In some areas, we are all poor. If you never knew about Jesus, how would you be poor?

Matthew 5:34-40

3. Do you think your actions and choices can be a gift to Jesus? If you stick up for someone who is getting bullied, or are kind to someone who is sad, are those gifts to Jesus? How? If your actions are a gift to Jesus, does that make you want to help others more or less?

UNWRAPPING THE MESSAGE

1. If your family wants to “Love All” this Christmas, what would that look like for your family?
2. What can your family do together to love those who might be considered “the least of these?”
3. What are some ways that your church and family can partner with other churches and families to love all?



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