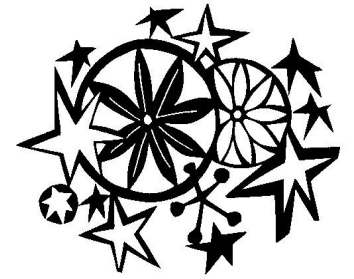


Advent & Christmas 2024: Star Stuff



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<p>1 First Sunday in Advent Set up your advent wreath and creche. Include a star, far away but calling to all.</p>	<p>2 Make a star out of cardboard & foil. Carry it in your pocket till Epiphany, to remind you of where you come from.</p>	<p>3 Pray for someone on the other side of the political divide from you. Try to mean it.</p>	<p>4 Pick one star in the sky tonight—let her be your companion this month. Communicate in code.</p>	<p>5 Do a small thing that might turn out to be a big thing re: reconciliation.</p>	<p>6 Write down three things that still give you hope. Set them on the first 3 stars you see tonight. Rest.</p>	<p>7 Make a pillow fort and hide in it. Tell yourself or a friend a Christmas story about Jesus and a star: Make it up if you don't know one!</p>
<p>8 Second Sunday in Advent Do a small thing that might turn out to be a big thing re: kindness.</p>	<p>9 Read about a tyrant, real or pretend. Remember no tyrant lives forever, and many are deposed because wise ones keep walking toward the light.</p>	<p>10 Walking by government buildings, pray for the people inside: flickering stars who need encouragement.</p>	<p>11 After you bathe, stand naked in front of the mirror. Marvel that every part of you was born from the heavens.</p>	<p>12 Dia de Guadalupe ~ make Guadalupe's star-spangled headscarf, and sing or shout the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55</p>	<p>13 I's OK to veg. There's more than one way to stargaze. Get together with someone you like and watch a Christmas movie tonight.</p>	<p>14 Ask for, and receive, a heart to heart hug from at least 3 people. Hold for six seconds or more.</p>
<p>15 Third Sunday in Advent Put on body glitter, turn off the lights, and dance to Sly and the Family Stone's "Everybody is a Star."</p>	<p>16 Light a candle and leave it burning in a window all night (maybe an LED). Pray that it might guide someone home.</p>	<p>17 Go gaze at the sky tonight. Draw a new constellation with your finger. What shape does it make, what story about God does it tell?</p>	<p>18 Look up at the day sky. Your star friend is there, even though you can't see her. God too, though invisible, is just as real. Reach up & hold.</p>	<p>19 The fastest pulsar spins at 42,960 revolutions per minute. Can you beat that? Try!</p>	<p>20 Set your alarm for a random time in the middle of the night (don't look). When it goes off, go look out your window at Crea-</p>	<p>21 Winter Solstice Light your house entirely with tealights tonight. Pretend they are stars and you are a spaceship. Dwell among them.</p>
<p>22 Fourth Sunday Spend time with a creche, wondering about each figure's fears, motivations and hopes. Go to church and pray for them.</p>	<p>23 Wear a sign today that says "you are stardust and made of Heaven itself."</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Wear beautiful jewelry—heavy metals were created by two stars smashing. You are smashing too!</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Jesus is here! Be the baby. Swaddle, nap, cry if you need attention.</p>	<p>26 Listen and sing along to this new Christmas song by Rob Lev-eridge: tiny.cc/r28wzz</p>	<p>27 The smallest stars have the longest lifespan. Don't burn out too soon—small as you are, you will endure.</p>	<p>28 Go for a night walk without GPS. Look for your star-friend and let her guide you home.</p>
<p>29 Your star is wishing on YOU. What is her wish?</p>	<p>30 Watch Sean the Science Kid talk about the miracle you are: tiny.cc/r28wzz</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve New stars keep getting born. Look at a dark corner of the sky, and imagine a dazzling new arrival.</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Wake up early & watch the sunrise. Feel the turning of the world. The Light is getting stronger, however it may seem.</p>	<p>2 Do a small thing that might turn out to be a big thing re: a new connection.</p>	<p>3 Learn about one of your ancestors. Be guided by them: the good they have done, or the cautionary tale.</p>	<p>4 Get your face in the sun, bright morning star, for 15 minutes today.</p>

