

## 2018 ADVENT FAIR

# “Star in the Car” Lesson

Our nativity “Star in the Car” is meant to encourage our families to pray, be thankful, and reflect on God’s love and the true meaning of Advent. “Star in the Car” is the same concept as the popular “Elf on the Shelf” tradition that many of our children have in their homes during the holidays. (“Elf on the Shelf” is a holiday tradition and story about an elf from the North Pole who is sent to people’s homes at the start of Advent to keep a watchful eye on children to make sure they belong on Santa’s “nice” list. The Elf sits someplace in a home where he can be seen as a reminder for children to behave and do good deeds.)



Our nativity “Star in the Car” is the perfect conversation-starter for parents and children to have while driving in their cars to discuss the way God hopes that we behave during the 50-day Advent period. The “Star in the Car” should serve as a reminder to practice the lessons that they are being taught in Sunday school and find PEACE, FAITH, LOVE, and especially HOPE over during Advent until Christmas Day!

### MATERIALS:

- Stars pictured above may be ordered from: Amazon (*copy & paste link below*)  
[https://www.amazon.com/Rayliad-Large-Multi-Color-Glow-Stars/dp/B0789SZ4PG/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1541289546&sr=8-3&keywords=large+glow+stars](https://www.amazon.com/Rayliad-Large-Multi-Color-Glow-Stars/dp/B0789SZ4PG/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1541289546&sr=8-3&keywords=large+glow+stars)
- *Optional: Small bags - place 1 star in each bag and attach explanation tag (Template next page) to front and distribute to students.*

### LESSON:

**ASK:** Has anyone heard the story of the “Elf on the Shelf?” (*Pause*) Some of you may even have an Elf on the Shelf in your homes during Christmas.

**SAY:** Each of you will be given a Nativity STAR to stick someplace in your car where it can be seen for the next 50 days of Advent. Each time you see your “Star in the Car,” pray, be thankful, and reflect on God’s love and the true meaning of Advent. Talk with whomever is in the car with you about the good deeds we can do during Advent to show our love for Jesus. Your “Star in the Car” should serve as a reminder to practice the lessons that you are being taught in Sunday school and find PEACE, FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE over the next 50 days during Advent.

**SAY:** Here is how your **Star in the Car** will work:

1. Hold your Star tightly in your hand and say a prayer for yourself during Advent.
2. Stick your Star someplace visible in your car, (maybe ask Mom and/or Dad for help!)
3. Each time you are in your car, focus on your Star and remember today’s teachings.
4. At the end of the 50 days of Advent, on Armenian Christmas, January 6, remove your Star and say another prayer of thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ.
5. Keep your Star someplace safe and hopefully use it again next Advent!



