



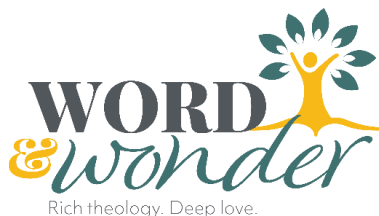
Love
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Advent Worship Cards

How to use these cards

These cards are intended to be used together with the “Love Came Down Advent Worship Guide”, where you’ll find related scriptures and activities. They can also be used on their own. Here are some ideas:

- Display the picture throughout the week to remind you to turn your thoughts to God and his big love story.
- Use the picture together with your scripture reading and worship time, by examining the picture to consider how it relates to the word.
- With kids (or on your own), ask these questions:
What part of the picture stands out to you?
What does this picture remind you of?
What parts of the story do you see in the picture?
If you were to create a picture of the story,
which part would you choose?
What picture would you create?
- Use the lyrics to help you memorize the hymn of the week.



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Week 1

**Of the Father's Love Begotten
The Trinity**

Week 1 Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, blest with grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now He shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing:
pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Text: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th cent.;
tr. John M. Neale, 1854, and Henry W. Baker, 1859
Music: 12th cent. plainsong; arr. C. Winfred Douglas, 1916
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Week 2

And Wonders of His Love
Creation

Week 2 Hymn

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719
Music: George Frederick Handel, 1744;
arr. Lowell Mason, 1836
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Week 3



Love Came Down
The Gospel

Week 3 Hymn

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas
Love incarnate, love divine
Love was born at Christmas
Star and angels gave the sign

Emmanuel
Our God with us
Emmanuel
Our hope, our trust

Love shall be our token
Love be yours and love be mine
Love to God and neighbor
Love for plea and gift and sign

Emmanuel
Our God with us
Emmanuel
Our hope, our trust

Worship we the Godhead
Worship we the Godhead
Worship we the Godhead
Love divine

Emmanuel
Our God with us
Emmanuel
Our hope, our trust

Love came down at Christmas

Text: Christina Rossetti, add'l words by Alex Mejias

Music: Alex Mejias, 2009

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Week 4



To Show God's Love Aright
The Gift of the Incarnation

Week 4 Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half spent was the night.

This Flower, so small and tender
With fragrance fills the air,
His brightness ends the darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God, and yet true man,
He came to save His people
From earth's dark night of sin.

Text: German, 15th cent; stanzas 1-2 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;
stanza 3 tr. Gracia Grindal, 1978, alt.

Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599
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Week 5



Through His Own Redeeming Love
Loving Others

Week 5 Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and meek, and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above,
and He leads His children on
to the place where He is gone.