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- Have older children help read through the cards and take ownership of leading the time together.
- Hang up the cards after you have read through them on your Christmas tree, your fridge or string them together as 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 of the cards with: the color blue on it, a candle, an animal and a dinosaur.

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

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