

# Advent Challenge



**It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

Advent is the start of the Christmas season so let's celebrate with a challenge... well one for each day of Advent to get you in the Christmas spirit!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Advent' board over on [www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily](http://www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily)

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# Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



## PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

## PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

## PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK - solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

## PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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# HOW TO: Use Your Mini Challenge



This Mini Challenge has been created as a condensed version of our standard challenge packs, still the same amount of fun and adventure but half the size! As with our Challenge Packs it has been divided in to 4 sections and we recommend that the following number of activities are completed by each age group:

<b>Age 3 - 5</b>								
<b>Age 5 - 7</b>								
<b>Age 7 - 11</b>		+						
<b>Age 11 - 14</b>		+						
<b>Age 14 - 18</b>		+						
<b>Age 18+</b>		+						

**Craft**

**Food**

**Games**

**Other**

**PICK**

**Leaders, Teachers & Parents**  
Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

## TOP TIPS

- Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

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# Craft

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- ★ Put together an Advent wreath, complete with four candles, one for each of the Sundays leading up to Christmas.
- ★ Make an Advent crown.
- ★ Create your own Advent calendar.
- ★ Craft a colourful paper lantern, used in China to light up homes during the month of Advent.
- ★ Design some Advent greetings cards to send out to family, friends or members of your community.
- ★ Assemble a Christingle.
- ★ Draw a picture of a memorable moment from your past during Advent.



# Food

- ★ Gingerbread is a classic treat eaten during Advent. Bake a tray of your own in a shape of your choice.
- ★ Stollen is a traditional baked good made up of dried fruit, nuts and spices is consumed during the period of Advent in many countries. Find a recipe online or in a book and have a go at making it yourself.
- ★ Bake a cake and decorate it to look like an Advent candle or wreath.
- ★ Whip up a new recipe every Sunday leading up to Christmas.
- ★ Find out why we have chocolate in our Advent calendars.
- ★ Put together a hanging tea Advent calendar using different types of teabags, string and some small pegs. Enjoy trying a different kind of tea each morning in the run up to Christmas.





# Games

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- ★ Play a game of Pass The Parcel with 25 layers of wrapping paper.
- ★ Go head to head in some traditional board games.
- ★ Purple is the colour of Advent, gather as many purple items as you can.
- ★ During Advent, four candles are traditionally lit in many countries with each candle representing something different - love, hope, joy and peace. Have a game of Jesus Says, a spin on the classic game Simon Says. Come up with a different action for each of the four candles (e.g. Jesus says peace).
- ★ Take part in a Christmas scavenger hunt.
- ★ Warm up with some Advent related exercises - Pretend to make a snowman, march like a toy soldier, throw a snowball, wrap presents, hang decorations on the tree etc.



# Other

- ★ Many of us are familiar with a chocolate Advent calendar, but nowadays there is so much more choice on offer in the shops. What is the most obscure Advent calendar you can find?
- ★ Did you know that the oldest printed Advent calendar was a clock? Printed in 1902, the clock was filled with verses from Christmas carols. Sing a different Christmas carol every day during Advent.
- ★ Advent calendars originated in Germany - get online or read a book to learn more about how German families traditionally celebrate Advent.
- ★ Make a list of 25 things you love most about the festive period and read them out loud to your family or friends to share the Christmas spirit.
- ★ Christmas Eve is the final day of Advent - attend a Christmas Eve candlelight service or midnight mass.

## Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Advent Challenge badge to mark their achievements! Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



## Create a Keepsake!

Experienced adventure? Made memories? Then it's time to create a keepsake! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to sew your badges and look back on them for years to come.



## Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are big, bright and bold...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



## Even More Rewards!

We're all about added value here at Pawprint Family. In addition to the 1000s of free activity ideas and resources you'll find loyalty stickers in every order and you can claim Children's University learning hours too!



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