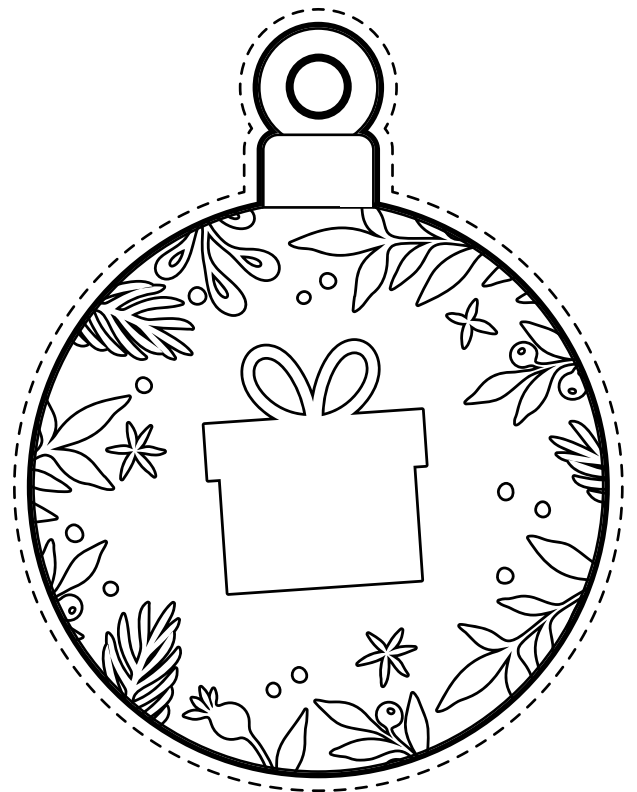
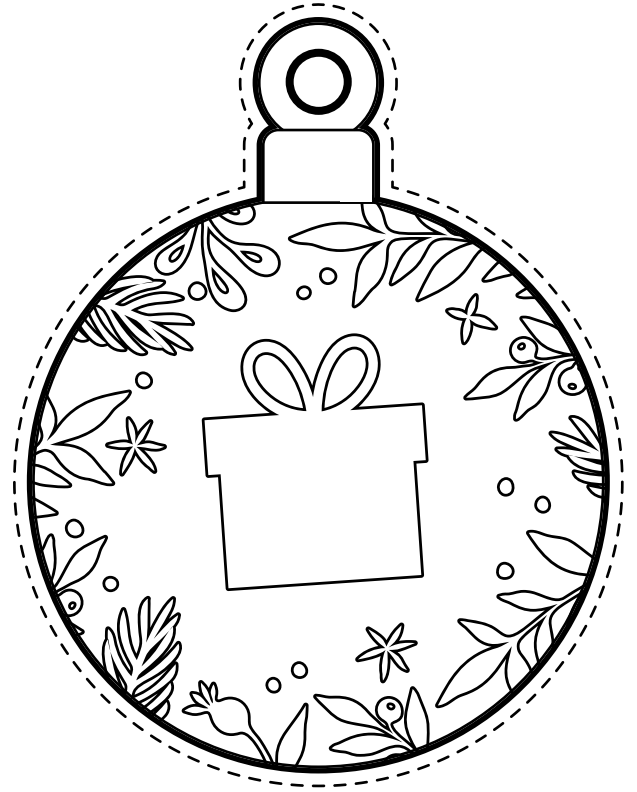


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INSTRUCTIONS AND IDEAS

These printable baubles can be used in lots of ways!

- String them up as an Advent calendar, adding each day's number on the front and, on the back, the Bible reference and a key idea or prayer from the relevant chapter in *The God of Amazing Gifts*.
- Hang them on your Christmas tree or elsewhere in your home—this could include writing prayers or ideas on the back, or you could glue two together to make them reversible.
- Use them as gift tags.
- Turn them into gift tokens (see ideas below).

Either print the coloured sheet and use the baubles as they are, or print the black-and-white sheet and colour the baubles in—it depends on how you want to use them!

Giving like God: an Advent project idea

For an ongoing family activity throughout Advent, you could use the cut-out baubles as gift tokens and give them to one another or to others you know. Write all your tokens at the start of Advent and try to give them all out before Christmas, or write one each day and then look out for who you could give them to over the next few months. Your gifts can include offers of help (with the tokens used as vouchers or coupons that the receiver can cash in) or acts of kindness you plan to do (using the baubles as a planning device rather than necessarily giving out the token).

Use the reverse of each bauble to write your gift idea. Here are some to get you started!

Gifts that meet needs:

- babysitting
- a day of helping with chores
- a lift to somewhere
- washing someone's car
- a bag of essentials for a homeless person
- donations to a food bank

Gifts that bring joy or surprise people with grace:

- write a joke or loving message to hide in someone's lunch bag
- write an invitation to go out for coffee or come over to play
- write a promise of time spent together
- drop some treats at someone's house, just because!
- write a promise of prayer
- write a note of praise or thanks
- pay it forward in a coffee shop or supermarket
- bake for your neighbours
- write an invitation to join you on Christmas Day
- leave an extravagant tip!
- offer to make a meal and wash up for a family you know

Gifts that come at a cost:

- give up a planned treat and give away the money you would have spent
- give of your own things to make donations of clothes or toys to shelters or children's wards
- make time to visit someone in need or invite them round—even if you're busy
- commit to giving away a percentage of any money you receive in gifts over Christmas