Point out to your child that your congregation is using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* just like the people on the cover of this booklet.

Before or after worship, take children up to the Advent wreath so they can see it up close. Ask them about the candles: what color they are, how many, how many will be or were lit today. Tell them that the Advent wreath helps us count the weeks until Christmas.

If your congregation uses prayers or blessings to accompany lighting the wreath, get copies to use during the week at home with a family wreath. Help your child see the connection between prayer at church and prayer in the home.

Use a children’s Bible to tell the stories of some of the biblical characters represented on the middle pages of this booklet.

If you have a nativity set at home, encourage your child to use it to tell the Christmas story.

If your congregation uses a sung form of “Glory to God in the highest” during worship, tell your child that you are all singing the song the angels sang when Jesus was born.

Learn an Advent hymn and a Christmas carol together as a family. Even young children can learn the refrain to “O come, O come, Emmanuel” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #257) and the words and melody of “Away in a manger” (#277, 278), for example.