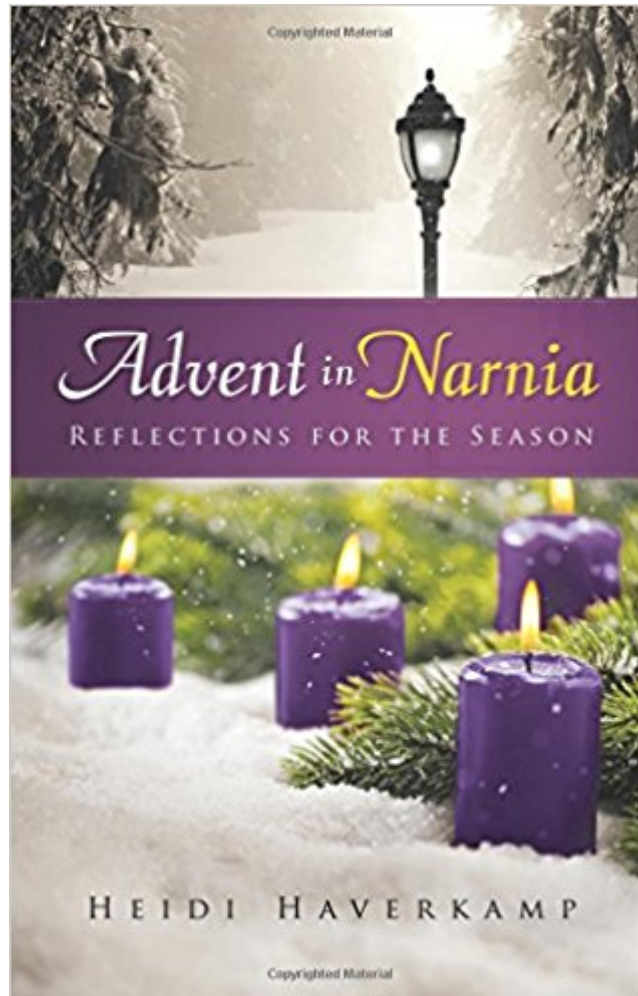




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Advent In Narnia: Reflections For The Season



Synopsis

Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe. With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope and even an appearance by Father Christmas C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, these twenty-eight devotions alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. The book also provides several resources for churches, including four sessions for small group discussion and ideas for creating a Narnia Night for families. Readers will ultimately come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.

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Customer Reviews

This excellent book makes me want to spend my next Advent in Narnia. Haverkamp's week-by-week guide is great for families, as well as for adults of any age who are looking for a delightful way to reflect upon the Advent season. Paul Jarzembowski, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Heidi Haverkamp writes that Advent is a borderland. Her book is a reliable map for exploring this border country. She leads us with a lively faith that moves from the world of flat practicality and cynicism to the possibility of one filled with delight and risk and enchantment, one in which Christ is on the move in our lives. The Right Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Heidi Haverkamp's *Advent in Narnia* is both delightful and profound: delightful because it provides a

vehicle for Christians of all ages to experience the joys of C.S. Lewis's classic fantasy; profound because it explores Advent's themes of hope and expectation with real theological depth. • The Very Reverend Gary R. Hall, Dean, Washington National Cathedral

With its enchanting themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope • and even an appearance by Father Christmas • C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* naturally enhances the Advent season of reflection. As the reader anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, *Advent in Narnia* inspires us to consider the holiday season from a new perspective. These twenty-eight devotions feature Scripture passages and excerpts from C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, prompting meditation on Advent themes such as grace, love, and sacrifice. Questions for reflection are included with each devotion, ultimately guiding the reader to know God better while journeying through Narnia. Four sessions for small group discussion, along with information on creating a "Narnia Night" for families, are also provided to deepen your church's Advent experience.

What a lovely book! I suspect that many people might presume that this book is geared toward families, since the *Chronicles of Narnia* are children's books. While there are wonderful, kid-friendly suggestions for a "Narnia night", it's really more for adults. I think the perfect way for families to use it would be to spend the weeks of Advent reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* aloud to children, and then by reading these beautiful, rich reflections with the older youth and adults of the household. (There is one devotion that acknowledges the "truth" about Santa.) That being said, our elementary-school aged daughter still enjoyed reading and discussing the devotions each night as we lit our Advent candles. A wonderful gift for Christians who yearn for spiritual sustenance during the weeks of Advent, especially those who are fans of the *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Advent in Narnia is a delightful and meaningful journey into the season when we await the birth of Jesus. Using *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* as a guide allows the reader insights into the importance of Advent: waiting for an event that is difficult for us humans to comprehend, anticipating a miraculous birth, hoping that this event will meet all of our expectations. Heidi Haverkamp takes us through the door of the wardrobe into a world where the waiting, the anticipation, and the hopes will all come true. I highly recommend *Advent in Narnia* and I believe families and churches can use it to deepen their appreciation and understanding of Advent.

Such a great book for Advent! If you love Lewis, want to engage more creatively and deeply with the season of Advent, you'll love this. Highly recommend.

Wonderful devotions for Christmastime, tied to The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. One reads a portion of the book, then the devotion. I love it.

We saw a few excerpts from the film as we held our discussions, and as facilitator, I read the C.S. Lewis book alongside so as to include any relevant passages. The author's meditations and questions are well-thought out and stimulate good discussions. This is a very good Advent devotion and/or study series.

Heads up if you're leading a group discussion on this book for the 4 weeks in Advent. Sessions 3 and 4 of the "Sessions for Small Group Discussions" are switched. Session 3 discusses chapter 10 of the C.S. Lewis book while session 4 discusses chapter 7. This won't line up with the daily devotionals that participants will have read for each of those two weeks.

Evocative, charming and delightful. This study would make a perfect 4 weeks in Advent study for small groups in churches or other faith communities. Well written, with a section of discussion questions included.

rather disappointed, not what I had thought it would be.

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