

## SEARCHING WITH THE SHEPHERD

Serves: *The King*

### Day 1 Recipe for FUN: Paper chain countdown & meet the Shepherd

*Supplies:* Shepherd, scissors, tape, or stapler, and construction paper

*Story time:* Advent means coming. Who is coming? The baby Jesus is coming, it's His birthday! Are you excited for the baby Jesus? The Shepherd was so excited for the baby Jesus, that he followed a star to find him. Let's countdown until Christmas. That's the day baby Jesus comes. There are 28 days until Christmas. Let's countdown! Let's make a paper chain countdown. Every day we will tear off one link as we wait for baby Jesus.

Introduce the Shepherd. This is our Shepherd. He is going to show up in a new place every day to remind us that Jesus is coming! Shepherd joins you—drape the chain across the shoulders of your shepherd and let him take a selfie!  
Be thinking about a name, because tomorrow we are going to name our Shepherd.

*Activity:* Cut out 28 strips of paper and loop them to one another using glue, staples, or tape.

\* You can also create a paper countdown chain with construction paper.

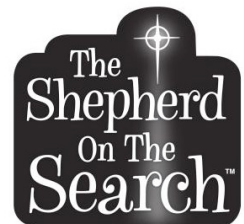
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*Advent Week One, purple candle of Hope*

*This week's memory verse: "Then Jesus spoke to them again: 'I am the light of the world.*

*Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12 HCSB*

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Finding CHRIST  
in Christmas