

Pip's Advent

24 letters for Emma and Leo

DECEMBER 1–24

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How it works

1. Print on plain paper and cut each page along the dashed line.
2. Every evening, set up that night's scene (see the grown-up pages) and leave the next letter.
3. In the morning your children find the scene and read the letter together with you.
4. Kids can write back — the elf loves tiny notes and drawings.

Good to know

- Missed a night? The elf simply overslept — skip the scene and leave two letters.
- Keep small items away from toddlers and pets.
- Use any elf doll or door you already have — or none at all.

1 *December 1*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Hello! I'm Pip, a little elf from Santa's workshop at the North Pole. I landed in your house last night, right on top of a teddy. Oops! Now I live behind a tiny door, and I'm very happy to be here.

Every morning I'll leave you a letter. You can write back to me too. Watch out for my silly tricks!

Big hugs, Pip

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2 *December 2*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Last night I stacked a block tower and taped my elf rules to it. The letters are teeny, so squint! Rule one: be kind. Rule two: write me notes any time. Rule three: let me nap in the daytime, because elves get sleepy. Rule four: have lots of fun! Easy peasy. Is my tower straight? Wobble, wobble!

Cheerfully yours, Pip

3 *December 3*

Good morning, Emma and Leo!

Last night I opened Brushing School for the teddies. They sat in a neat row and grinned, but they forgot their toothbrushes. Silly teddies! Can you show them how? Emma, can you count to twenty while you brush? Leo, can you make a big lion-roar smile in the mirror? Scrub, scrub, scrub, and sparkle!

Your friend, Pip

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4 *December 4*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Shhh, whisper! Last night a toy car brought a secret mission to the kitchen door. I think it got lost on the way, but it made it. Today's mission: help Mom or Dad with one small job. Maybe you can set the table or carry something light. Secret helpers work as a team. You can do it!

With a wink, Pip

5 *December 5*

Hello, Emma and Leo!

Last night I made a sharing road. Two rows of cars, a block bridge, and one little car driving across to the other side. Vroom! Sharing is like that. Toys travel and everybody gets to play. Emma, maybe Leo would love to zoom your favorite car. Leo, you could invite Emma to your block city. Teamwork is fun!

Love, Pip

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6 *December 6*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Oh my tinsel, what a trip I had! On the way here, a wind spun me round and round like a top. Last night I felt dizzy again and got tangled in toilet paper. Wiggle, wiggle, wobble! One end is still hanging off a chair. Can you help me unwind? I'll try not to roll away.

Big hugs, Pip

7 *December 7*

Good morning, Emma and Leo!

Last night I asked the teddies a riddle, but they just stared at the question mark. Teddies are not good at riddles! Can you help? What do you call a snowman in the summer? Think hard, Emma and Leo. Think, think, think. Ready? Here comes the answer: a puddle!

Cheerfully yours, Pip

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8 *December 8*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Last night I built a garage from blocks and parked the cars inside, all neat in a row. Open for business! Tonight, could your toys have cozy spots too? Emma, you could be the block boss. Leo, you could be the car parker. Tidy toys help me a lot, because I'm clumsy and I trip over everything. Whoops!

Your friend, Pip

9 *December 9*

Hello, Emma and Leo!

Last night I set up my art studio with paper and crayons. I even drew a stick elf in the corner. That's me! Do you like my hat? Today's mission: draw a picture for someone you love. Emma and Leo, pick your person and use your favorite colors. A drawing can make someone's whole day happy.

With a wink, Pip

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10 *December 10*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Last night I built a tiny North Pole village and sprinkled flour snow on top. Home looks just like that! My elf friends there hammer, paint, and giggle all day. One of them keeps losing his hat in the snow. Look with your eyes, not your hands, because the snow is soft and fluffy. Do you like it?

Love, Pip

11 *December 11*

Good morning, Emma and Leo!

Last night I drew a giant sparkly smile for your bathroom mirror. Look at those shiny teeth! I love how you two keep trying, even when things are tricky. That is real elf magic. Today, Emma, can you make your teeth shine like stars? Leo, can you smile your biggest smile at the mirror? Brush, brush, hooray!

Big hugs, Pip

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12 *December 12*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Hooray, it's day 12! We're halfway through Advent! Last night I threw a party with the teddies. They wore paper hats, and one hat was much too big. Twelve days are done and twelve more are waiting for us. Thank you for being such fun friends. Let's cheer together: hip, hip, hooray!

Cheerfully yours, Pip

13 *December 13*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Good morning! Last night I cut out paper hearts and drew a smile on each one. I put one on every chair. I wobbled and almost sat on one, oops!

Today is a kindness mission. Say something nice to everyone in your family. Maybe "I like your smile" or "Thanks for playing with me!" Kind words are pure elf magic.

Your friend, Pip

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14 *December 14*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Oops! Last night I built the tallest block tower ever. Then I sneezed, and CRASH! Down it tumbled, and a teddy got buried in the pile. Poor teddy!

I tried to dig it out, but I only found more blocks. Can you rescue the teddy today? Then build a new tower, maybe even taller than mine!

With a wink, Pip

15 *December 15*

Hello, Emma and Leo,

Did you see my castle? I built it with two thrones side by side. Two teddies sit there, sharing one toy car. They take turns and giggle a lot.

I left extra blocks nearby, so you can build more rooms together. Today, let's play a sharing and turn-taking game. You two make a super team!

Love, Pip

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16 *December 16*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Brrr, what a night! I made binoculars from two paper tubes and gave them to a teddy by the window. He is a very serious bird watcher.

Now it's your turn. Look outside today. Do you see birds, frost or snow? Count how many birds you spot, then tell me. I'm sure you have sharp eyes!

Big hugs, Pip

17 *December 17*

Good morning, Emma and Leo!

Ready, set, tidy! Last night I zoomed toy cars across the floor and dropped blocks everywhere. Whoops! I'm a very messy racer.

Today, let's make tidying a game. Put on a song and drive the cars home to the basket. Blocks can hop in like little frogs. Many hands make a super fast team!

Cheerfully yours, Pip

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18 *December 18*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Shh! Last night I tucked the teddies into a basket with a little towel blanket. They were snoring, I think. Or maybe that was me.

Teddies sleep best when the room is cozy and tidy. Tonight, you could tuck your toys in too. Then it's time for sweet dreams. I love how you keep trying!

Your friend, Pip

19 *December 19*

Hello, Emma and Leo,

Pip the baker is here! Last night a teddy wore a chef hat and I helped with a pinch of flour. I sneezed, and puff! Flour everywhere. Cookies are my big plan.

Now I have a question. What is your favorite treat? Tell me, or draw it for me. Mmm, I'm already hungry!

With a wink, Pip

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20 *December 20*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Last night I wrote two tiny compliments on two shiny stars. Did you find them?

Emma, I love your kind heart. Leo, I love your fun ideas. You are both wonderful!

Today, play the compliment game. Tell each other one thing you love about the other. It's easy, and it makes smiles grow.

Love, Pip

21 *December 21*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Tonight is the longest night of the year! Last night I scattered paper stars and snuggled the teddies in a blanket to stargaze. They said "ooh!" at every star.

Today, find a cozy spot and snuggle up together. Look at the sky tonight if you can. Stars are shy, but they love visitors.

Big hugs, Pip

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22 *December 22*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Last night I made shiny medals. Do you like them? I'm so proud of all your efforts this Advent!

You keep trying hard at brushing your teeth, sharing toys and tidying up. That's not easy, but you are doing it. Every little try counts. Hooray for Emma! Hooray for Leo! Wear your medals with a big smile.

Cheerfully yours, Pip

23 *December 23*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Psst! Last night I packed my little bag. See my paper arrows? They lead to my packed bag. I'm a bit sad to leave soon, but also very happy about our fun days.

One last mission: tell each other your favorite Advent moment. Then give each other a big hug. I'll watch from behind the tiny door.

Your friend, Pip

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24 *December 24*

Dear Emma and Leo,

Merry Christmas! I flew home to the North Pole this morning. Look for my flour footprints leading to the window. Whoops, I was a bit messy.

Thank you for every laugh, letter and tidy toy. You were the best family ever. I'll miss you lots. Be kind, have fun and I'll see you next year!

With a wink, Pip

Psst! For grown-ups only

24 NIGHT-TIME SCENES · 1/3

1

Pip's tiny door

Draw a tiny door on paper and lean it against a baseboard. Sprinkle a few small flour footprints leading to it, using your fingertip. Wipe them up in the morning.

You need: paper, crayons, flour

2

The elf rules sign

Stack a small block tower and tape a little paper sign to it with Pip's rules, written very small. Place it somewhere the children will spot it, like the kitchen table.

You need: building blocks, paper, crayons, tape

3

Teddy tooth-brushing class

Sit teddies in a row on the bathroom counter or the edge of the tub, each facing the sink. Add a tiny paper sign reading "Brushing School".

You need: teddies, paper, crayons

4

Secret mission delivery

Park a toy car by the kitchen door with a rolled-up paper note on top. The note can hold a tiny secret mission, like helping Mom or Dad.

You need: toy car, paper, crayons

5

The sharing road

Line up toy cars in two equal rows. Build a little block bridge between them, with one car in the middle as if it is driving from one side to the other.

You need: toy cars, building blocks

6

Tangled in toilet paper

Drape a long toilet paper streamer along the hallway or over the couch, as if Pip got tangled on the trip. Leave one end hanging over a chair.

You need: toilet paper, a chair or couch

7

Teddy riddle audience

Sit teddies in a circle on the couch or floor, all looking at a small paper with a drawn question mark. Lean the paper against a block.

You need: teddies, paper, crayons, a building block

8

The tidy toy garage

Build a little garage from blocks and park a few toy cars neatly inside. Add a tiny paper sign reading "Tidy Garage, Open for Business".

You need: building blocks, toy cars, paper, crayons

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Pip's art studio

Lay out paper and crayons on the table like a studio. Draw a tiny, silly picture in one corner, a stick-figure elf maybe, and add a small note.

You need: paper, crayons

10

North Pole snow village

On a tray, build a mini village from blocks. Sprinkle a thin layer of flour on top for snow. Keep the tray where Biscuit can't reach it.

You need: tray, building blocks, flour

11

The sparkly smile poster

Draw a huge smile with big shiny teeth on paper. Tape it to the bathroom mirror with removable tape, with a tiny note beside it.

You need: paper, crayons, removable tape

12

Halfway party

Hang a toilet paper streamer across a doorway or around a chair. Sit teddies in paper party hats around a big paper "12" sign.

You need: toilet paper, teddies, paper, tape

13

Kind hearts for everyone

Cut out one paper heart for each family member. Draw a little smile on each and place one on every chair at the breakfast table.

You need: paper, crayons, scissors (adults only)

14

Block tower disaster

Build a tower of blocks and knock it over gently, leaving a teddy half-buried in the pile. Add a tiny note that says "Oops!"

You need: building blocks, a teddy, paper

15

The sharing castle

Build a small block castle with two thrones side by side. Sit two teddies on them, sharing a toy car. Leave extra blocks nearby for building.

You need: building blocks, teddies, toy car

16

Teddy bird watchers

Tape two empty toilet paper tubes together as binoculars. Set a teddy on a windowsill, or on a chair by the window, holding them as if bird watching.

You need: teddy, two empty toilet paper tubes, tape

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24 NIGHT-TIME SCENES · 3/3

17 **Tidy-up race track**
Scatter a few toy cars and blocks on the floor near a basket or box. Leave a tiny note that says "Ready, set, tidy!"
You need: toy cars, building blocks, a basket or box, paper

18 **Teddy bedtime tuck-in**
Tuck several teddies into a basket or box with a small towel as a blanket. Add a tiny paper sign reading "Shh, we are sleeping."
You need: teddies, basket or box, small towel, paper

19 **Pip the baker**
Put a teddy in a paper chef hat next to a bowl with a pinch of flour and a spoon. Leave a tiny note about cookies. Keep the flour away from Biscuit.
You need: teddy, bowl, flour, spoon

20 **Compliment stars**
Cut out two paper stars. Write a tiny compliment on each, one for each child, and place them on their pillows or at their seats at the table.
You need: paper, crayons, scissors (adults only)

21 **Longest night stargazing**
Scatter paper stars on the floor or couch. Wrap a few teddies in a blanket in the middle, as if stargazing together on the longest night.
You need: paper stars, blanket, teddies

22 **Proud medals**
Make a paper medal for each child. Draw a star on each and add a string loop. Lay the medals on their chairs or beside their breakfast plates.
You need: paper, crayons, string

23 **Pip's packing trail**
Cut out paper arrows and lay them on the floor leading to a little spot where a small sock or bag sits, "packed" and ready for Pip's trip home.
You need: paper, crayons, a small sock or bag

24 **Pip has flown home**
Leave the tiny door open and the spot where Pip sat empty. Make a few small flour footprints leading to a window. Leave a note in the middle.
You need: tiny paper door from day 1, flour, paper

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Shopping list

PIP'S ADVENT

FROM AROUND THE HOUSE

- [ ] building blocks
- [ ] toy cars
- [ ] teddies
- [ ] flour
- [ ] toilet paper
- [ ] empty toilet paper tubes
- [ ] crayons
- [ ] plain paper
- [ ] tray
- [ ] small towel
- [ ] blanket
- [ ] basket or box
- [ ] string
- [ ] small sock or bag

WORTH BUYING

- [ ] removable tape
- [ ] colored paper
- [ ] star stickers
- [ ] ribbon
- [ ] paper party hats
- [ ] washi tape
- [ ] glitter-free paper stars
- [ ] small notepad

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