



Advent Learning Resource

Primary Resource

Watch the short film to find out about Advent. See how much you can remember using the quiz, then try some of the other activities below.

Waiting and preparing:

Advent means 'coming', For Christians it is a time of waiting and preparing for something very special, the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God.

How do you feel when waiting for something special - perhaps a birthday, special outing, holiday or Christmas? How do you, your friends and/or the people you live with prepare for a special event?

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are four words sometimes associated with the time of Advent – what do they mean to you?

Using the film as a starting point, find out some more about the stories of people who waited and prepared for the birth of Jesus.

Think about and describe your own feelings when waiting and preparing, or your thoughts on the themes of Advent. Share these ideas in a class poem, or produce your own creative writing or art.

Candles:

Candles are often found inside a church, not just during Advent and at Christmas time. Christians sometimes call Jesus the Light of the World. The light of the candle can be seen as symbol of hope in darkness.

When and where do you see candles being used? How does a candle make you feel? What mood or atmosphere does it create?

Think about some of the reasons why Christians might light candles in a church.

Craft activity:

Using the templates below, cut out a candle to decorate or write your chosen words onto.

Attach string or wool to the back and hang the candle as a Christmas decoration at school or at home.



Advent Quiz

See how much you can remember from the Advent film.

1. How is the start of Advent worked out each year and on what date does Advent begin in 2022?
2. What does Advent mean?
3. What are the four words often used as the themes of Advent?
4. What colour candles might you find on an Advent ring inside a church?
5. You heard about two people from the Old Testament, the first part of the Bible. What were their names and why were they important?
6. Who was the messenger who had been spoken about by the prophets, and what did this man do?
7. How did Mary learn that her child would be called the Son of God?
8. When is the final Advent candle lit?

Answers:

1. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. This year, 2022, Advent begins on Sunday 27th November.
2. Advent means 'coming'. Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.
3. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love
4. Red and white, or purple, pink and white.
5. God promised Abraham, one of the Old Testament Patriarchs, that he would be the father of a great nation. His grandson Jacob, later called Israel, had twelve sons. Their families became the tribes of Israel whose stories feature throughout the Old Testament.

The Prophet Isaiah told people how the birth of Jesus would take place, long before it happened.
6. John the Baptist. He baptised Jesus.
7. The Archangel Gabriel told Mary the news about her son.
8. The final Advent candle is lit on Christmas Day.

