

Year 2
Autumn



Preparations

In this unit we will learn that God had prepared His people for the coming of His Son, Jesus over many hundreds of years. Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate Jesus' first coming on earth. We will retell the stories of the Annunciation, The Visitation and The Nativity.

Advent Prayer

The world was in darkness
and nobody knew,
the way to the Father,
as you and I do.
He gave us a light
to show us the way
and the great light shone,
on Christmas Day.

Key Knowledge

- Advent, four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas.
- The liturgical year is a cycle of seasons in the church year that determines when particular feasts are celebrated.
- Isaiah's description of the one who is to come.
- The story of The Annunciation.
- The story of The Visitation.
- The story of The Nativity.
- Jesus comes to us as God's gift because He loves us.
- Jesus is described as the Light for the World.

Key Vocabulary

Preparing: the act of getting ready.

Advent: means 'coming' and describes the 25 days before Christmas.

Christmas: the feast of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Nativity: the birth of Jesus which is celebrated at Christmas.

Waiting: to stay in the same place or not do something until something else happens.

Annunciation: the feast which celebrates the announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would have a Son to be called Jesus.

Visitation: the feast which celebrates when Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- Why is it necessary to prepare?

