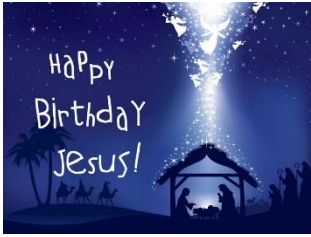


Birthday

Advent is a time to look forward to Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus. We will talk about how we get ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas (his birthday). We will learn about the Nativity story and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men.



Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst
women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death.
Amen.

Key Knowledge

- What people do during Advent.
- Advent is a time for getting ready for Christmas. (Advent Wreath)
- Advent – a special season of longing and waiting for Jesus' birth at Christmas.
- The Crib.
- The Nativity Story.
- The Shepherds.
- The Wise Men.
- The Hail Mary.

Key Vocabulary

Advent wreath: this is made up of four candles and evergreen leaves.

Advent: the time before Christmas where we wait for the coming of Jesus.

Christmas: the birthday of Jesus.

Jesus: God's son.

Mary: the mother of Jesus.

Joseph: the husband of Mary.

Manger: the place where the straw was placed for the animals in the stable to eat from.

Crib: a small bed with high sides for a baby to sleep in.

Shepherd: a person who looks after a flock of sheep.

Wise men: the three kings who came to visit Jesus.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- Why do we celebrate birthdays?
- Why do we receive presents on Jesus' birthday?