



## Gift

Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of His love. We will be learning about Advent and Christmas.

### 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 Vocabulary

**Advent:** means 'coming' or 'arrival' and is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus.

**Incarnation:** putting on a body. God became fully human as Jesus.

**Gaudete Sunday:** The third Sunday of Advent.

**Gaudete:** the Latin word for rejoice.

**Messiah:** the one promised by God who would show God's love and bring peace.

**Loyalty:** faithfulness and allegiance to a person or an idea.

**Commitment:** a promise to do or give something.

**Peace:** a time without fights or wars. A state of quiet or calm that is not disturbed by anything at all.

### Key Knowledge

- The liturgical season of Advent.
- Advent is focused on the coming of Jesus as Messiah.
- Gaudete Sunday.
- The Messiah is the one promised by God who would show God's love and bring peace.
- Isaiah's prophecy about coming of the Messiah.
- Further understanding of the Incarnation.
- The visit of the Wise Men.



### Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- Why are the gifts of love and friendship important?
- What are the joys and demands of the commitment required in the gift of love and friendship?