

Loving (Advent/Christmas)

Year 1
Autumn Term

In this unit the children will learn that Advent is a time to look forward to Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus. We wait for Christ who comes to us each day as we reflect through our Advent Calendar. Christmas is the time we rejoice for the birth of Jesus.

Background Information

Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate loving becoming a reality in Jesus. Jesus is a gift given by God as a sign of his love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God.

Key Knowledge

- To know that Advent is a time for waiting.
- To understand the significance of the Advent wreath, The colour purple, the Advent Calendar and the crib.
- To have learnt about The Annunciation, The Visitation and the Nativity.



What we will be Learning

- To learn that Advent is a time of waiting.
- We use the Advent wreath to help us as we wait for Christmas.
- During Advent we remember that Mary had to wait for the birth of Jesus.
- Mary helped Elizabeth while she was waiting for the birth of her baby.
- Following the time of waiting during Advent Jesus is born at Christmas,
- Learn about the story of Christingle, sharing our love.
- To learn the story of the Nativity.

Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How do you feel when you are waiting for something?
- What do you find difficult about waiting?
- How can we prepare during Advent?

Key Vocabulary

Waiting: the time before an event happens

Messenger: Angel Gabriel was a special messenger delivering a special message to Mary that she would be the Mother of Jesus and He would be God's son.

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

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

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

Prepare: to get ready for the birth of Jesus.



