

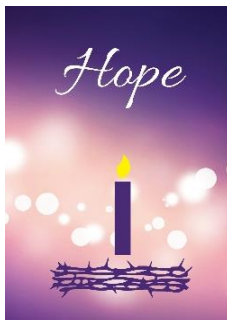


How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

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Year 6
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Overview

Advent, from the Latin Adventus meaning 'coming', is the start of the church year. It is a season of hope, preparing for the celebrations of Christmas and a season of anticipation when Christians look forward to a time when Jesus will come again in power and authority. In this unit, pupils will discuss what is being prepared for during Advent. They will investigate in what ways Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies and will think about what John the Baptist's message would be today.



Questions I wonder about Christmas:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Analyse** - distinguish between opinion, belief and fact
Interpret - draw meaning from music, works of art, poetry and symbolism; suggest meanings of religious texts.
- **Reflect** - on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practices
- **Evaluate** - debate issues of religious significance with reference to evidence and argument
- **Synthesise** - link significant features of religion together in coherent ways

Topic Vocabulary

Advent: *the arrival of a notable person or thing; the first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas*

annunciation: *the announcement of something.*

Christmas: *the annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25th December in the Western Church*

John the Baptist: *a prophet and a preacher who baptised people and prepared the way for Jesus the Messiah (he was also a relative of Jesus)*

prophecy: *say that a specified thing will happen in the future*

prophet: *a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God*

Religious Vocabulary

celebration: *the action of celebrating an important day or event*

incarnation: *the embodiment of God the Son in human flesh as Jesus Christ*

Messiah: *the promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible*

salvation: *deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ*

Saviour: *Jesus Christ as the redeemer of sin and saver of souls*