

Knowledge Organiser Religious Education Year 2 Autumn

Advent/Christmas - Loving: Preparing



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
"Love one another as I have loved you"



Prior knowledge

In Year 1, children learned that Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas.

Liturgical/Prayer links

- Advent prayers
- Christmas Mass prayer
- Hail Mary

Big Question

Why is it necessary to prepare?

To answer this question the children will use the knowledge learned within RE lessons and make links to the scripture that was used.

Link to end of year descriptors

Learning about Religion

- Retell, in any form, a narrative that corresponds to the scripture source used.

Learning from Religion

- Ask wondering questions about preparing.

Key words

Advent: The time of year before Christmas where Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus

Preparing: Getting ready

Christmas: The day Jesus was born

Nativity: The birth of Jesus Christ is shown in a Nativity scene

Waiting: Period of time before Jesus' birthday.

Knowledge/Scripture/Liturgy

In this topic, children will explore how God had prepared His people for the coming of His Son, the Messiah, over many hundreds of years. Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate Jesus' first coming on earth. It also reminds people that He will come again at the end of time.

- Children will **explore and discuss** how they prepare for special occasions e.g. a party, holiday etc.
- Children will **ask and respond** to their own and others' experiences and feelings about how important it is to prepare well and what happens if there is no preparation.
- Children will use religious words and phrases to **describe** some religious actions and symbols connected with the liturgical season of Advent; for example that Advent consists of four weeks of preparing. They will also recognise and understand the symbolism of the Advent wreath.
- Children will **retell** that Isaiah (9:2-6) told the people of God's promise to send them His son.
- Through the Gospels, children will retell key events of the story of the Annunciation, the story of the Visitation and the story of the birth of Baby Jesus.
- Children will **describe** how Christians follow Jesus as the Light of the World and how they live this out in their lives.
- Children will **celebrate** their new knowledge and understanding by planning, leading and delivering their own end of topic liturgy.