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Light and Dark

Advent at Christmas



Aim

- I can explain what Advent is.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you two facts about Advent.
- I can tell you why Advent is important to Christians.

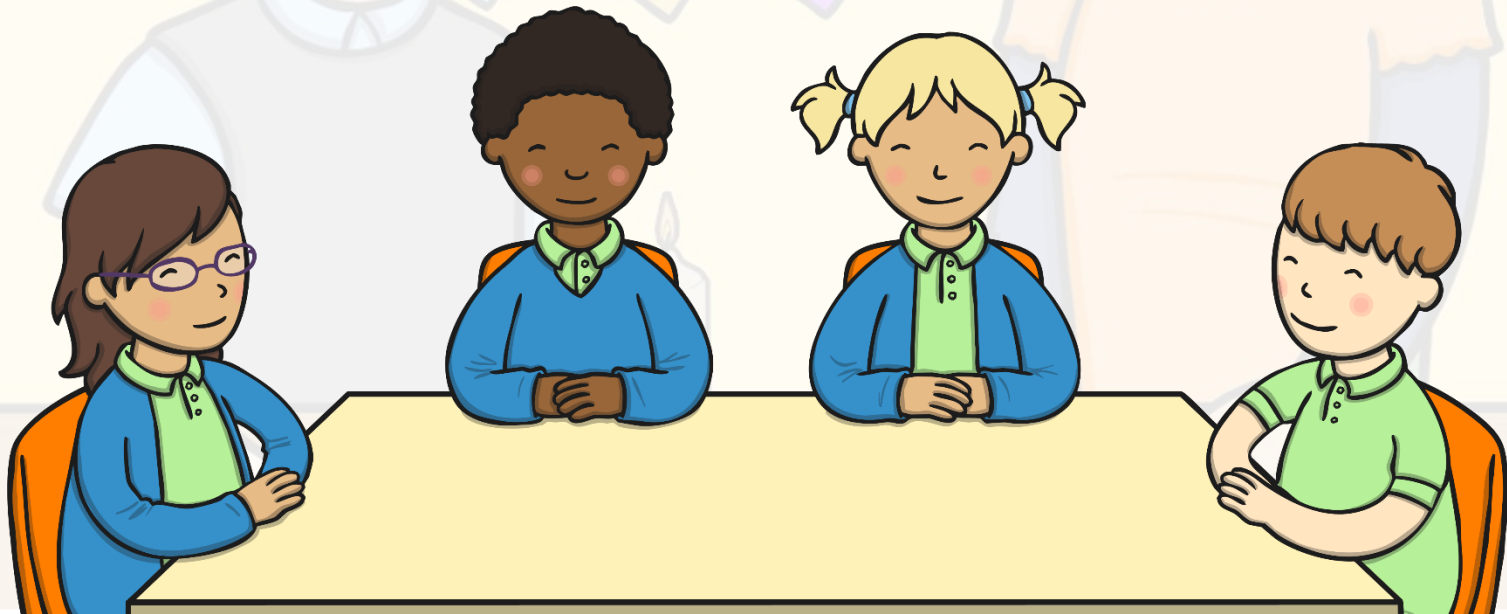
What Is Advent?



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When do you think Advent happens?

What kinds of things do you think might happen at Advent?



What Is Advent?



Advent is the start of the Christian year. It is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.



November

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		



December

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Advent is the four weeks before Christmas. It starts on the nearest Sunday to 30th November and ends on Christmas Eve.

Why Is Advent Important to Christians?



Advent is an important time for Christians. It is a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

It is also a time for Christians to look forward to a time when Jesus will come again.



How Is Advent Celebrated?

During Advent, churches display an Advent crown or an Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. There are 4 candles standing in the circle. In the centre there is a 5th candle.



How Is Advent Celebrated?

The circle of evergreen branches is a reminder that God does not change.

The candles remind Christians of the light of God.

A new candle is lit each Sunday during Advent until all 4 candles are burning. Each candle has a different meaning.



The final candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Advent Wreath



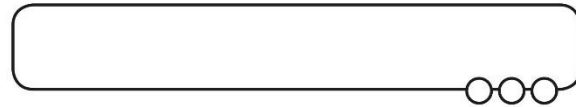
You are going to make your own Advent wreath.

Advent Wreath Candles

Colour and cut out the 5 candles in preparation to add to the Advent Wreath.



Advent Wreath



1. Write your names on the green strip of paper.
2. Bend the green strip of paper into a circle and glue the edge down so that you have a ring. This is your wreath.
3. Colour and cut out the 5 candles on the Advent Wreath Candles Activity Sheet.
4. Stick the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love candles around the edge of the wreath using glue.
5. Stick the Jesus candle on the painted tube and place in the middle of your wreath.



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