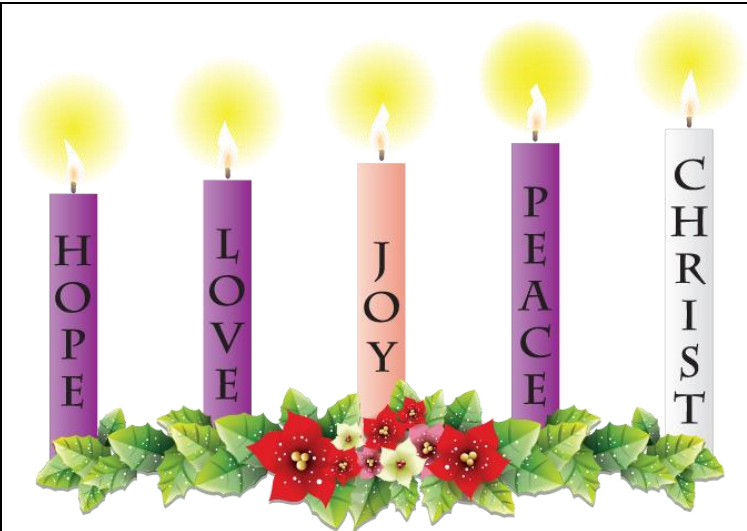


Is waiting always difficult?



Advent Wreath



Advent Calendar



The Annunciation



Mary visiting Elizabeth



The Nativity



Jesus in a manger

Prior Knowledge Advent: looking forward to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Nativity play (EYFS)	Key Vocabulary: Family		I need to know: • How do you feel when you have wait? • What opportunities does waiting give you? • What can we do during Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus? • How does an Advent Wreath help us wait for Jesus? • Who visited Mary during the annunciation? • What was Gabriel's message? How did Mary respond? • Who did Mary visit? Why did she visit her cousin? • Who was Jesus? • Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? • What happened to the Shepherds? • What is a Christingle? • Why do we make a Christingle?
	waiting	the time before something to which we are looking forward begins.	
	prepare	getting ready	
	messenger	someone sent to tell something important	
Links to other topics: Computing – Christmas cards. PSHE – Me and My relationships, Valuing Difference. Geography / History – Family Album	visit	going somewhere to see people	
	celebrate	having a party or rejoicing	
	Advent	the four-week period of waiting before Christmas	
	Jesus	the son of God	
	Mary	the mother of Jesus	
	Joseph	Mary's husband, Jesus' earthly father	
	shepherds	people who looked after sheep	
	angels	messengers sent by God.	
	Christmas	Jesus' birthday	
Guided Reading / English Lost and Found, Nobot the Robot	Bethlehem	a town in Galilee (Israel) where Jesus was born.	
	manger	something from which animals eat.	
	worship	praying, singing and celebrating together	
	wreath	a circle made of leaves and berries.	
	New Testament	The stories of Jesus' life and the lives of his followers during and after his death.	

Links to the Bible Luke 1: 26-31, 38: <i>The Annunciation (the Angel Gabriel's message to Mary)</i> Luke 1: 39-45 <i>The Visitation (Mary's visit to Elizabeth)</i> Luke 2: 1-7, <i>Luke's story of the birth of Jesus</i> Luke 2: 8-20. <i>What happened to the Shepherds.</i>	At the end of the topic, I will know that: • I may feel excited, worried, anxious, nervous, impatient, tingly, giddy etc. while I am waiting. • While waiting, I can think about and prepare for what I am waiting for. • each day in advent we can pray, we can open an advent candle, we can light candles on an advent wreath, we can make a Christingle. • By lighting Advent candles, we can think about different aspects of Jesus' teachings i.e. hope, love, joy and peace. • the angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was to have a baby. • Mary replied that she wanted to please God and do whatever He wanted. • Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting a baby. The baby would be John the Baptist. • Jesus is the son of God sent to save us from sin. • Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Caesar wanted to count all the people living in Judea (Israel). • The shepherds were visited by angels and told to go to the stable where Jesus was born. • A Christingle is an orange, with four cocktail sticks decorated with sweets and fruit and a ribbon around its middle. • The orange represents the world, the ribbon represents Jesus' blood given for us, the dried fruits and sweets God's creation, the lit candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world.
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