ADVENT/CHRISTMAS-LOVING: BIRTHDAY - TOPIC OVERVIEW

NURSERY & RECEPTION 4 WEEKS | Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

NOTES

Advent is a time of waiting for the celebration of Christ's birth. he is with us and will come again in glory. For Christians, the birth of Jesus changed the world.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 437: From the beginning he was 'the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world', conceived as 'holy' in Mary's virginal womb. God called Joseph to 'take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit', so that Jesus 'who is called Christ should be born of Joseph's spouse into the messianic lineage of David.'

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: children will have the experience of celebrating birthdays at home

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

• what a birthday is; waiting for a birthday - Explore

Kipper's Birthday by Mike Inkpen ISBN: 978-0340610565

Peppa's Party ISBN: 978-1846468248

• Advent: looking forward to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus - Reveal

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above - Respond

SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
Luke 2: 8-20 - God's Story 2 page 59 Luke 2: 4-7 God's Story 2 page 58 God's Story 1 pages 24-25, 26-27 (teachers' notes pages 46-47) Matthew 2: 1-12 - God's Story 2 page 60	Advent, Advent Wreath, Christmas - the birth of Jesus crib Church's Story 1; pages 32-33, 34-35 (teachers' notes page 54)		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
Why do we celebrate birthdays? Why do we receive presents on Jesus' birthday?	birthday, waiting, wreath, celebrate Christmas, Advent, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, swaddling clothes, manger, crib Reception: shepherds, wise men		
RESOURCES	AREAS OF LEARNING		
Church's Story 1 God's Story 1	Areas of Learning (England)		

Areas of Learning (Wales)

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATOR		
Interactive Advent Wreath Explanation of Advent and 'Las Posadas' diary Interactive Nativity scene	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebrations and ritual Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning & purpose		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, Jesus Christ, Son of God Area of Study 2: What is the Church? Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer	Hail Mary	See John Burland Grid Telling the Christmas story Away in a Manger	

POINTS TO REMEMBER

God's Story 2

Advent Wreath Crib Set

Some children may not have a birthday in school time. Remember to mark these in some way. Links with Parents – Bethlehem Advent Project (Posada travelling crib).

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: WAITING - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 1 FOUNDATION 1 - 4 WEEKS | Advent a time to look forward to Christmas

NOTES

Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; it encourages believers to wait for Christ who comes each day and who will come in a special way at the end of time.

Scripture: John 3:16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 422: . . . 'But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman . . .' God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation – he has sent his own 'beloved Son'.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: Advent: looking forward to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- About the times that it is necessary to wait and the use of that time Explore
- That Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas Reveal

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above - Respond

SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
Luke 1: 26-31, 38 – <i>God's Story 2</i> page 55 Luke 1: 39-45 – <i>God's Story 2</i> page 56 Luke 2: 1-7 – <i>God's Story 2</i> page 58 Luke 2: 8-20 – <i>God's Story 2</i> page 59	Advent, Advent wreath, Jesus' coming, The Nativity		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
How do you feel when you are waiting for something you like? What do you find difficult about waiting? What can you do to make waiting easier? How can we best prepare for Christmas?	waiting, preparing, messenger, visit, celebrate, Advent, Jesus, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, shepherds, angels, Christmas, Bethlehem, manger, worship, wreath		
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
God's Story 2 Church's Story 2 Advent wreath CAFOD/Misso advent calendar	Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE		
http://www.widqit.com/resources/classroom/i call y ou friends			
	STANDARD INDICATOR		
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Interactive Advent Wreath Interactive Nativity scene RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, Son of God Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & w. Learning from religion Engagement with own & oth Engagement with questions of LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	ers' beliefs & values of meaning SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING See John Burland	

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: PREPARING - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 2 FOUNDATION 2 - 4 WEEKS | Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

NOTES

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.

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 3, 5-6 A voice cries out, 'Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord! Clear the way in the desert for our God!... Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and the whole human race will see it. The Lord himself has promised this.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church 744: In the fullness of time the Holy Spirit completes in Mary all the preparations for Christ's coming among the People of God.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: that Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- Preparing for special times Explore
- Advent four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas Reveal
- Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above Respond

SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
Isaiah 9: 2, 6 God's Story 2 page 46 Luke 1: 26-31, 38, 39-45 God's Story 2 page 55 Luke 1: 45-55 God's Story 2 page 56 Luke 2: 1-7 God's Story 2 page 58 (teachers' notes page 98)	Advent, Nativity, Advent Wreath Church's Story 2 pages 54-55 (teachers' notes pages 94-95) Christmas Mass prayer Jesus' coming, God's gift		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
Why is it necessary to prepare?	preparing, Advent, Christmas, Nativity, waiting, Annunciation, Visitation		
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
God's Story 2 Church's Story 2 Pictures of the Annunciation, art gallery website http://www.widad.com/resources/classroom/i_call_you_fr iends	Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE		
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS		
Advent resources Pictures of the Annunciation Pictures of Galilee Christmas story for the IWB	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, Son of God Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer	Advent prayers Christmas Mass prayer	See John Burland Grid Advent hymns, carols	

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: VISITORS - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 3 - 4 WEEKS | Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus

NOTES

For Christians, this topic emphasises the coming of God, in the person of Jesus, 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. He was not a passing visitor, but One who comes to dwell among us, the Word made flesh. The joyful expectation of Advent, is an encouragement to take steps to recognise the coming of God into the world today, and to believe that in the future this same God will come again in glory.

Scripture: John 1:9-12 The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 422: God has visited his people. He has fulfilled the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. He acted far beyond all expectation – he has sent his own 'beloved Son'.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: Advent: four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas **This Topic: learning outcomes**

Know and understand:

- The demands and joys of visitors Explore
- · Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus Reveal

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above - Respond

SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
Isaiah 11: 1 Isaiah 40: 3-5 Church's Story 3 page 89 Romans 13:9b-13a Luke 1: 26-31, 38 -58 God's Story 3 pages 71-72 Luke 2: 1-20 – God's Story 3 pages 74-75 Matthew 2: 1-12, 16-18, – God's Story 3 page 76 (God's Story 3 Teachers' notes pages 156-7)	Advent, Annunciation, The Visitation The coming of Jesus/Nativity Rosary: Joyful Mysteries Church's Story 3 pages 86-95 (Church's Story 3 Teachers' notes pages 124-125) The Jesse tree		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
How visitors are welcomed The joys and demands of visitors	Joys, demands, visitors, Isaiah, Messiah, Advent, Annunciation, The Visitation, Magnificat, Joyful Mysteries, Nativity		
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
Church's Story 3 God's Story 3 A Visitor for Bear Bonny Becker ISBN: 978-0763628079 John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat by Jenny Wagner ISBN: 978-1905117963 http://www.widgit.com/resources/classroom/i_call_you_friends	Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE		
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS		
PowerPoint with music for Isaiah 40: 1-5 (<i>God's Story 3</i> page 62) Template of a Jesse tree Annunciation pictures Scripture Resources Year 3 Topic 3 Visitors	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Holy Spirit Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour	Magnificat Rosary	See John Burland Grid	

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: GIFT - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 4 - 4 WEEKS | God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus

NOTES

God's gift of Jesus is a gift of love to all people of all time. Jesus reveals God's love for humanity and the possibility of friendship. This gift is celebrated each Christmas. During the season of Advent, we explore this gift of love and the promise of Jesus' return at the end of time.

Scripture: 1 John 4:9 God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 458: Jesus the Word became flesh so that we might know God's love

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- The gift of love and friendship Explore
- Advent and Christmas: The Church's seasons of preparing to receive God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus –

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above - Respond

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond			
SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
Isaiah 40: 9-11 God's Story 3 page 62 Matthew 2: 1-12, 16-18 God's Story 3 page 76 (God's Story 3 teachers' notes page 156) Ephesians 1: 3-6 God's Story 3 page 145 1 John 4: 4, 9-12 Philippians 4: 4-9	Advent – Church's Story 3 page 86-95 (Church's Story 3 teachers' notes pages 124-5) God's gift of Jesus/Nativity – Church's Story 3 page 94 Mary's gift of herself to God The gift of love		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
Why are the gifts of love and friendship important? What are the joys and demands of the commitment required in the gift of love and friendship?	gift, friendship, loyalty, commitment, rejoice, peace, God's plan		
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
Church's Story 3 God's Story 3 Kind Emma by Martin Waddell ISBN: 0007185901 Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart ISBN: 1854306960 Good News Bibles Carols found in hymn books Card and gold wrapping paper	Music, Art, Literacy, Science, Drama, RSE		
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATOR		
A heart shape Pictures for Isaiah 40 Scripture Resources Year 4 Topic 3	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYER LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Holy Spirit Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour	Christmas Night Mass	See John Burland Grid Christmas carols	

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: HOPE - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 5 - 4 WEEKS | Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one

NOTES

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promised one, on 25 December. It is preceded by the season of Advent, a time of preparation. It focuses on Jesus' coming in history and encourages believers to prepare for the Christ who comes each day. They also wait in joyful hope for Him to come in glory at the end of time.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, who is the Messiah, (The Christ) the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 524: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: Advent and Christmas: The Church's seasons of preparing to receive God's gift of love and friendship in leasts

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

the Holy Spirit

Catholic, Mission

Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer

the human community, love of God

Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy,

Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person,

- Waiting hopefully Explore
- Advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the promised One, at Christmas and at the end of time **Reveal**

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond				
SCRIPTURE		TRADITION		
Psalm 27: 13-14, I Samuel 16: 4-13 (<i>God's Story 3</i> Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7, Isaiah 25: 8-9, Isaiah 40: 9-11 (<i>C</i> page 88) Jeremiah 33:14-16, John 1: 5 Matthew 1:1-17 (<i>Go</i> 69) Matthew 1:18-25, Mark 13:33 Luke 1: 38-57, James 5: 7-8	1: 5 Matthew 1:1-17 (<i>God's Story 3</i> page		Advent, waiting in joyful hope, Jesus the promise one, Advent wreath, Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary	
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOS	E	CORE VO	DCABULARY	
What is the hidden meaning in waiting? What is the difference between hope and expect?		Waiting, hopeful, Promised One, Messiah, proph		
RESOURCES		CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
Church's Story 3 God's Story 3 Advent wreath, purple cloth Light of the World, picture by William Holman Hu Jesus of Nazareth DVD Gospel according to St Matthew DVD	Dance, Literacy, Art, Music, Science, RSI		teracy, Art, Music, Science, RSE	
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATOR		ED INDICATOR	
Scripture Resources Year 5 Topic 3 Hope		Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/F LINKS	PRAYERS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God,	- ·		See John Burland Grid	

Joyful Mysteries of

Sunday reading at Mass

the Rosary

The Creed

Advent and Christmas hymns and carols,

Christ be Our Light Bernadette Farrell

Let Us Build a City of God Dan Schutte

The Servant King Graham Kendrick

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING: EXPECTATIONS - TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 6 - 4 WEEKS | Jesus, born to show God to the world

NOTES

Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love. Giving and receiving reflects the truth that all life is given by God and life is given meaning through the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of joyful expectation, as we prepare to receive Jesus into our lives and to share this gift with others at Christmas and throughout the year.

Scripture: John 14:9-10 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church 516: Christ's whole earthly life – his words and deeds, his silences and sufferings, indeed his manner of being and speaking – is Revelation of the Father. Jesus can say: 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father', and the Father can say: 'This is my Son my Chosen; listen to him!' Because Our Lord became man in order to do his Father's will, even the least characteristics of his mysteries manifest God's love ... among us.'

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: Advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus, the Promised One, at Christmas and at the end of time

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- The meaning of expectation Explore
- Advent, a time of joyful expectation of Christmas, the Word becoming a human person, Jesus Reveal

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond			
SCRIPTURE	TRADITION		
John 1: 14-18 Mark 1: 1-5 Isaiah 35: 1-6, 9, 10 – God's Story 3 page 61 Isaiah 62: 11-12 – God's Story 3 page 65 1 Corinthians 1: 8-9, 1 Corinthians 16: 22 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14	Church's Story 3 pages 88-91 Messiah Emmanuel Prophets, John the Baptist Angelus		
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY		
What is the difference between <i>I wish for</i> and <i>I expect</i> ? Why is it good to have high expectations of yourself and others? What is the role of patience in expectations?	Expectation, certainty, Advent, Christmas Emmanuel, Annunciation, Angelus, Incarnation		
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS		
Church's Story 3 God's Story 3 Good News Bibles or NRSV Advent wreath Advent calendar from Mission Together or CAFOD	Literacy, Art, Music, RSE		
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS		
Links to Mission Together or CAFOD Words of the Angelus Links to art websites with pictures of the Annunciation, Visitation and the Angelus. Scripture Resources Year 6 Topic 3 Expectations	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning		
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING	
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God Area of Study 2: What is the Church? Mission Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour	Angelus	See John Burland Grid Maranatha Estelle White, My God loves me, Come, O long-expected Jesus	