

Unit 6.2: How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Christian Concepts:

Gospel: (The good news about Jesus - God coming to earth; Jesus taking the punishment for people's sin by dying on the cross; Jesus making it possible for people to be friends with God again and giving them a place in Heaven for ever.)

Kingdom of God: (Where God is King and reigns over everything.)

People of God: (Those who believe in, follow, obey and belong to God.)

Key Questions:

What and when is Advent?

Why is Advent a time of preparation?

What is being prepared for during Advent?

What has this unit taught you about what it means to be a Christian?

What has this unit taught you about Christian beliefs?

Have you learnt anything about yourself from this unit?

Key Vocabulary:

Advent: The first season of the Church year, leading up to and including the four Sundays before Christmas.

Annunciation: The announcement of the Incarnation by the angel Gabriel to Mary.

Incarnation: When God became a man - Jesus, the God-Man.

John the Baptist: Jesus' cousin; a prophet.

Mary: Mother of Jesus.

Messiah: God's promised King, Deliverer, Rescuer, Saviour of His people.

Prophecy: To say that a specific thing will happen in the future.

Prophecy: A prediction of what will happen in the future.

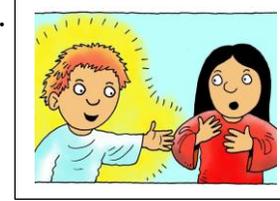
Isaiah 9:6 Isaiah wrote about the promised Messiah.

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'



Luke 1:30-32 Gabriel visits Mary

'The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary... You will conceive and give birth to a son... He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.'



Values:

Hope
Faith
Truth
Wisdom

Luke 3:4 John the Baptist told people to prepare for Jesus.

'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'



Matthew 24:44 The Bible says that Jesus will return one day. 'So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'



In churches, Advent is represented by the colour purple, symbolising royalty and the Kingship of Jesus.

HOPE

PEACE

LOVE

JOY



PREPARATION

REPENTANCE