

1. Good afternoon and welcome to our class assembly. Today we are going to share with you a special assembly on Advent.

2. Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate Christmas and to remember the birth of Jesus.

There are many ways in which we prepare for Christmas. Here are some of our favourite Advent traditions.

ADVENT TRADITION ONE

I like putting up Christmas decorations especially when my dad makes me laugh by getting tangled in the Christmas lights. Most of all I like spending time with my family.

ADVENT TRADITION TWO

I like putting up the decorations. It is fun doing it because you get to go on the ladder.

ADVENT TRADITION THREE

I like to put up Christmas cards around my house as it reminds my family and I of the Christmas spirit.

ADVENT TRADITION FOUR

I like to put up decorations every year because I get to spend quality time with my family.

ADVENT TRADITION FIVE

I like carol singing but not receiving any money for it because that can be used for the happiness of others.

ADVENT TRADITION SIX

I like lighting the advent candles at home because it reminds me of the days to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

ADVENT TRADITION SEVEN

I like receiving presents – it makes me feel loved.

ADVENT TRADITION EIGHT

I like the sweet sound of carols being sung because it always reminds me of the birth of Jesus.

3. In Church on Sunday we will be celebrating the first week of Advent. In our church and most other churches you will find an Advent wreath.

The advent wreath is a German tradition. It is used to celebrate the coming of Christ – the “light of the World.

The circle represents God’s unending love, just as a circle has no end and no beginning.

The evergreen leaves represents God’s everlasting love, which never dies.

4. We will put four candles on our Advent wreath to remind us that Jesus comes to spread the light of love to the four corners of the world. Each candle signifies one week of advent. This helps the countdown to Christmas. The candles represent Jesus - the “Light of the World

I come from the North. My candle is Purple. A symbol of forgiveness. I represent the first week of Advent

I come from the South. My candle is Purple – A symbol of forgiveness. I represent the second week of Advent

I come from the East. My candle is Pink – A symbol of rejoicing. I represent the third week of Advent.

I come from the West. My candle is Purple – A symbol for forgiveness. I represent the fourth week of Advent.

I am the most important candle. My candle is White. I am lit on Christmas Day. I signify the Birth of Jesus.

5. The weeks before Christmas are always very busy for everyone. There is so much to do. Shopping, cooking, wrapping presents, making decorations and parties to plan.

6. It is sometimes difficult with all the excitement to remember the real reason of Christmas and why we make such a celebration of this time of year.

Remember we are celebrating the birth of Jesus – His Birthday!

Our class would now like to share with you an Advent Hymn that we have learnt (When is he coming?)

Lord,

Bless everyone in the world. We hope that they will have a good Christmas and that you will look after everyone.

Please forgive us for what we have done wrong and spread peace and happiness around the world.

Lord,

Advent is a time for forgiveness. Let us forgive people who have done wrong to us and hope that we may be forgiven by those who have done wrong too.

Lord,

Please look after our friends and families. We ask you to especially take care of those who are without money or food.

Let us now close our eyes and put our hand together as we say..... Our Father etc.

(Pause)

Thank you for listening to our assembly this afternoon.

We have you enjoyed watching it.

RESOURCES

5 candles on sticks to hold up (not lit) – 1 pink

3 purple

1 white

Ribbon for the wreath

Leaves - Greenery

When is he coming words and music

Gentle soft music for background. (dancing and entrance)