

RE - Year 6 - Autumn 2 Cycle B -Unit 6.2 - Christmas

How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Substantive Knowledge: Advent is a time when the church focusses prayer on the second coming of Christ. Different denominations within Christianity hold differing beliefs about the importance and status of Mary. The themes of Advent tell the 'big story' of God's salvation plan. Christians believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but Jewish people do not.	 Markers for Assessment – Substantive Knowledge Advent is a time of preparation and the season of hope. The themes of Advent tell the 'big story' of God's salvation plan. Christians believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but Jewish people do not 	Below	Above
Disciplinary Knowledge: Describe the symbolism, practices, beliefs and themes of the season of Advent. Explain the ways in which Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament Prophecies. Express and explain their hopes and dreams for the future. Use religious vocabulary to show they understand the themes of Advent. Express their opinion about what they think the message of John the Baptist would be today. Reflect and decide what they have learnt from this unit about Christianity and themselves.	 Markers for Assessment – Disciplinary Knowledge Explain how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies. Use religious vocabulary to describe the symbolism, practices, beliefs and themes of the season of Advent. Express my opinion about what I think the message of John the Baptist would be today. 		
Prior Substantive Knowledge The nativity story is recorded in Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The true meaning of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of the Messiah, God in human form, Jesus Christ. Prior Disciplinary Knowledge Identify which parts of the story are found in each gospel and the purpose of each writer. Identify the influence the two stories have on our Christmas celebrations. Describe using religious vocabulary the Christian beliefs revealed in the nativity story. Use religious vocabulary to show they understand where the nativity fits into God's Big Story. Understand the significance of the flight to Egypt	Vocabulary Values – Hope Faith Wisdom Truth Vocabulary - Advent, prophet, prophesy, John the Baptist, Messiah, an incarnation, Mary	nunciation	
Questions (potential 'hook' questions for lessons) What is Advent? 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?	 Cross-Curricular/Enrichment Discuss in what ways Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophesies. Think about what John's message would be today. Talk about the pupils' hopes and dreams. Be introduced to the belief that Christ will come again. 		
Link to World Faith No other World Faith covered in this unit			