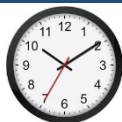


RE – Waiting



Recognise Talk About Describe Wonder

Advent

Advent is a really special time in the Church year. It is a time of waiting for the birth of Jesus.

We use the colour **purple** during Advent. **Purple** is a sign of thinking, as we wait for the arrival of Jesus.



The Advent Wreath is a circle to show us that God's love never ends. It is made of evergreen leaves to show His love never dies.



We use an Advent Wreath to help us to count down to the birth of Jesus. For the 4 weeks before Christmas day, we light one candle each week. The order of the candles is **purple, purple, pink, purple.**

We light the white candle on Christmas Day to celebrate that Jesus has been born!

Dear God, Thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus to us. Thank you for all the people who visited him. Help us to spread the Good News of His birth. Amen

The Annunciation

Jesus' mummy is called Mary. She was chosen by God to be the mother of God's Son, Jesus. An Angel visited her one day and told her she was going to have a very special baby and that his name would be Jesus. Mary was feeling a little nervous but she knew that God had a plan for her so she said "Yes!"

The Visitation

Mary had a cousin called Elizabeth. Elizabeth was also going to have a baby at the same time as Mary. Her baby was going to be called John. She was scared but Mary helped her to feel better. Mary told her that God had a plan and to not be afraid.

The Nativity

Mary and Joseph, Jesus' dad, went to Bethlehem to register themselves to say they lived there. When they got there, they had problems finding somewhere to stay because the town was so full! A kind innkeeper offered them a stable and that's where Jesus was born! Angels, Shepherds and 3 Wise Men came to visit Him. It was such a special night!

Key vocabulary

Advent	The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival".
Wreath	A mixture of different green leaves that are in a circle.
Annunciation	The Bible story of the Angel telling Mary she was having a baby.
Visitation	The Bible story of Mary and Elizabeth talking about their babies.
Nativity	The Bible story of Jesus being born in a stable.