



What should I already know?

- What the Annunciation was
- What advent is
- Preparing for advent and Christmas
- The symbols of advent

What will I know at the end of the unit?

- Ask and respond to questions about God's choice of Mary.
- Describe the beliefs that Christians hold about Jesus & Mary from the Christmas stories,
- Suggest answers to questions like 'What matters most at Christmas and why?'
- Make a simple link between the signs used in Advent and Christmas and their meaning (Advent Wreath & promises, nativity scene, Christmas cards, carols, liturgical colour purple and white, tree- star, angel, lights etc).
- Retell one of the stories of the Nativity of Jesus, ensuring it is accurate in its sequence and detail.
- Make a simple link between the Hail Mary and the stories of the Annunciation and Visitation.
- Make a simple link between the beliefs Christians hold about Christmas and how it affects their behaviour (e.g. think about practising the virtues and helping those who are lonely, those who are poor, visiting family etc).

Key Vocabulary

Advent	Time in the church's year when we get ready for Jesus birth
Advent wreath	A circle of leaves, flowers and candles.
Annunciation	When the angel Gabriel brought God's message to Mary that He wanted her to be the mother of His son, Jesus
Blessed	made holy
Crib	A bed for a baby
Incarnation	When the Son of God became man
Nativity of Jesus	The birth of Jesus Christ
Saviour	A name given to Jesus, because he died and rose again to 'save' everyone from sin and death
Shepherds	A person who tends to and looks after sheep
Stable	A building where animals are kept
Visitation	The time when Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth
Worship	To adore, respect and praise



We will be making links between the signs used in Advent and Christmas (Advent wreath, star, angel) and discussing their meaning.

Key People and places



People: Mary our Mother and baby Jesus, Angel Gabriel

Place: The nativity scene in Bethlehem

Key Scripture

- Luke 1: 26-38 (The Annunciation)
- Luke 1: 39-45 (The Visitation)
- Luke 2: 1-20 (Birth of Jesus)
- Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

Key Prayers

- Sign of the Cross
- Hail Mary
- Our Father

Books for Home

