

St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."



Gift

Our Big Question

What's so special about gifts?

Key Knowledge

- **Advent** is a season when we think about God's great **gift** of love: Jesus. This is called the Incarnation.
- The word **Advent** means coming or arrival.
- We prepare for Jesus coming at Christmas and remember that Jesus will come again.
- **Isaiah** was a prophet from the Old Testament who was waiting for the coming of the Messiah.
- The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday', which means 'joy'. We are halfway through Advent.
- The Wise Men also came to visit Jesus. They were not Jewish. *This shows that God's love is for everyone.*
- Gold: a symbol of a king. Frankincense: a symbol of being God. Myrrh: a symbol he would die.



Key Vocabulary and Definitions

Advent	Coming or arrival. The season where we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
gift	Something that is given.
God's plan	God's plan to send Jesus as the Messiah to show God's love and bring peace.
Messiah	The one promised by God to save the world and bring peace.
peace	Freedom from disturbance or conflict.
rejoice	To feel great joy and celebrate.

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 9-11 (The glory of the Lord will be revealed)
 Matthew 2: 1-12, 16-18 (Visit of the Wise Men)
 Ephesians 1: 3-6 (Give thanks to God for His gift)
 1 John 1: 4, 9-12 (How God showed his love)
 Philippians 4: 4-9 (Rejoice in the Lord)

Key Skills



- I can **make some links** between Scripture and the belief that God sent Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. AT1 (i)
- I can **give reasons** for the actions and symbols used during the season of Advent. AT1 (ii)
- I can **give some reasons** for the actions of Christians during this Advent season. AT1 (iii)
- I can **begin to make some links** to show how feelings and beliefs affect behaviour in relation to the gift of love and friendship. AT2 (i)
- I can **compare** some of my own and others' ideas about the gift of love and friendship. AT2 (ii)
- I can **express a point of view and give a reason for it**. AT3



Other Sources

Hymns

Come Lord Jesus, Come
 Maranatha
 Wait for the Lord (Taize)
 Glory (Matt Maher)

Are you ready for the light?
 O Come, O come Emmanuel
 Christ Be Our Light
 We Three Kings
 Ready the Way (Curtis Stephan)

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- **Advent** is when we prepare for the coming of God into our world at Christmas.
- **Isaiah** wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- The **Advent Wreath** and the **Jesse Tree** (family tree of Jesus).
- The **Annunciation** is the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to tell her about God's gift.
- The **Visitation**: Mary's words praising God when she visited Elizabeth are remembered in a prayer called '**The Magnificat**'.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love.
- The shepherds (the poorest and least important) were chosen first to visit Jesus. This shows that Jesus came to serve the poor.
- The Wise Men also came to visit Jesus. They were not Jewish. This shows that God's love is for everyone.



The Advent Wreath



The Annunciation by Fra Angelico

We are in **Advent**

The colour for Advent is purple. It is a time when wait and get ready for Christmas – Jesus' birthday.

