

# 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."



## Waiting

Our Big Question

Is waiting always difficult?

### Key Knowledge

- In **Advent** we **wait** and get ready for **Christmas** – Jesus' birthday.
- The Advent **Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. The candles represent the 4 weeks of Advent. Each week another candle is lit.
- The **Angel** Gabriel visited **Mary**.
- Mary** loved God so much that she agreed to be the Mother of Jesus.
- Mary** visited her cousin **Elizabeth**.
- Elizabeth** was waiting to have her baby, John.
- Jesus** was born in a stable in **Bethlehem**.
- A **messenger** from God visited the **shepherds** to tell them that a special baby had been born. They hurried to see **Mary**, **Joseph** and the baby **Jesus**.
- The Christingle helps us understand love and why he sent Jesus to be the light of the world.



### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>Advent</b>	The time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	The town where Jesus was born.
<b>celebrate</b>	To make special with gifts, parties or events.
<b>Christmas</b>	The time when we remember the birthday of Jesus.
<b>manger</b>	An animal's eating trough.
<b>messenger</b>	An angel sent by God to deliver a message.
<b>preparing</b>	To get ready.
<b>waiting</b>	To look forward to something and be ready for it.
<b>worship</b>	Showing love and devotion.



### Key Skills



- I can **recognise** the Christmas stories from the Bible. AT1 (i)
- I can **demonstrate understanding** of the Advent Wreath, calendar, colour purple and the crib as religious signs. AT1 (ii)
- I can **discuss** Advent as a time for waiting for Christmas. AT1 (iii)
- I can **talk about** my own experiences and feelings about waiting. AT2 (i)
- I can say if I have wondered about how people act and feel when waiting. AT2 (ii)
- I can listen to a point of view in a group and talk about some sources. AT3



Advent Wreath



### Scripture

- Luke 1: 26-31, 38 (The Annunciation – An angel visits Mary)
- Luke 1: 39-45 (The Visitation – Mary visits Elizabeth)
- Luke 2: 1-7 (The Nativity Story)
- Luke 2: 8-20 (The Shepherds)

### Prior Knowledge and Skills

- In **Advent** we get ready for **Christmas** – Jesus' birthday.
- The Advent **Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle.
- I know The Hail Mary. **Mary** is the mother of Jesus.
- Jesus** was born in Bethlehem. The **shepherds** hurried to see **Mary**, **Joseph** and the baby. Jesus and **wise men** came from the East.

We are in **Advent**

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

