

Year 4 Light and Incarnation

How is Advent represented and celebrated in the church around the world?

Key vocabulary

Tradition
Advent
Representation
Symbol
Phases
Preparation
Christingle
Injustice

In this unit I will learn:

- To understand the phases of Advent and why it is celebrated.
- What the advent calendar represents and why it is important.
- Think about what the symbolism of darkness and how light can overcome it.
- About the importance of the Christingle and what it represents.
- About injustice in the world and what I can do to help.
- About what the Christmas message was in comparison to what it has become in the modern world.
- How Christians around the world celebrate advent.

What should I know already?

- The symbolism of light.
- Apply what has been learnt about religion to new situations
- The Christmas story.

Key questions

- What is Advent?
- Why is the Christingle important for Christians?
- What makes Christmas special for Christians?
- How is Christmas and advent celebrated throughout the world?

Skills I will develop:

- Ask questions about matters of right and wrong and suggest answers that show understanding of moral and religious issues.
- Comment on connections between questions, beliefs, values and practices.
- Show, using technical terminology, how religious beliefs, ideas and feelings can be expressed in a variety of forms, giving meanings for some symbols, stories and language.
- Ask questions about puzzling aspects of life and experiences and suggest answers, making reference to the teaching of religions studied.
- Gather, select, and organise ideas about religion and belief.
- Suggest answers to some questions raised by the study of religions and beliefs.
- Ask questions about the significant experiences of key figures from religions studied and suggest answers from own and others' experiences.
- Show understanding of the ways of belonging to religions and what these involve.
- Suggest meanings for a range of forms of religious expression, using appropriate vocabulary.
- Describe the impact of beliefs and practices on individuals, groups and communities.
- Make an informed choice and explain the reasons behind and implications of that choice.
- Describe the key beliefs and teachings of the religions studied, connecting them accurately with other features of the religions making some comparisons between religions
- Describe similarities and differences within and between religions and beliefs.