

# Year 2 RE - Autumn 3

## Key facts

Advent is the start of the church year. It is a time of preparing for Christmas. There are lots of times when we need to prepare, to help make things the best they can be.

We have a **purple cloth** on our prayer tables during advent.

Many people have an advent calendar and candle to help count the number of days until Christmas.

An **advent wreath** is often lit during advent. It has 5 candles. A white one in the middle to represent Jesus which is lit on Christmas day. 3 candles are purple and 1 is pink. A new candle is lit each Sunday in advent. Leaves from evergreen trees are arranged around the candles to remind us that God's love for us lasts forever.



Isaiah prepared people for Jesus' birth a long time before he was born.

The Angel Gabriel prepared Mary and told her she would be the mother of Jesus. Mary's cousin Elizabeth received good news that she would also have a baby, even though she thought she was too old.

At Christmas we remember when Jesus was born and celebrate that God gave us his son Jesus, because he loves us and wants us to follow him.

# Preparing

## Key vocabulary

<b>Advent</b>	The season of preparation for Christmas.
<b>Advent calendar</b>	A calendar showing the number of days in advent before Christmas day.
<b>Advent wreath</b>	A circle of evergreen leaves with 5 candles, lit during advent.
<b>Angel Gabriel</b>	The messenger who told Mary she was going to give birth to Jesus.
<b>Christmas</b>	25th December when we remember when Jesus was born.
<b>Jesus</b>	God's son.
<b>Joseph</b>	Jesus' father.
<b>Mary</b>	Jesus' mother.
<b>Prepare</b>	Getting ready.
<b>Star</b>	The bright light the wise men saw in the sky. They followed it to where Jesus was born.

We often have big 'I wonder' questions which are very difficult or impossible for us to answer.