

## Knowledge Organiser

Year 1  
Autumn 2

Religion  
Light- Advent

## Vocabulary

**Advent:** the first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas

**Candles:** a symbol that represents the light of God

**Christianity:** the religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ

**Christmas:** religious celebration celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

**Light:** a symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge and wisdom in different religions

**Symbol:** a sign to show meaning without using words

## What is Advent?

**Advent is 4 weeks before Christmas**  
**Starts the nearest Sunday to the 30<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas Eve**  
**Christians light candles**  
**It is a time for Christians to spend with families**

## What we will learn by the end of the unit

By the end of this unit, we will:


- Know when Advent is in the Christian Calendar
- How Christians Celebrate Advent
- Understand the reason of why Advent is before Christmas
- Understand the meaning of symbols in Advent

## Symbols of Advent

### Candles

Four candles are put around the wreath and often a fifth candle is put in the middle. A candle is lit each Sunday before Christmas Day. If there is a fifth candle, it is lit on Christmas Day.

In some churches, there are three purple candles, one pink candle and a white candle. In other churches, the candles in an Advent wreath are red or white.



**Week 1** – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises hope with the 'Prophet's Candle' reminding people that Jesus is coming.

**Week 2** – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises faith with the 'Bethlehem Candle' and remembers Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**Week 3** – a pink candle is lit. This is known as the Candle of Joy or the 'Shepherd's Candle' and represents the joy the world experience at the coming birth of Jesus.

**Week 4** – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises peace and is called the 'Angel's Candle'. It reminds us of the message of the angels, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men'.

**Christmas Day** – the white candle is lit. This is known as the Christ Candle.

## The Advent Wreath

*Advent, Advent, the little light burns, first one then two then three then four, and then the Christ Child at the door.*

