





Vocabulary	Meaning	Image
Advent Wreath	The Advent wreath is a symbol of hope in Jesus Christ, light of the world. By custom the wreath has four candles. Traditionally three of these candles are purple and one is pink or white. The purple symbolises penance and the pink or white represent hope. During Advent the four candles are lit. (One the first week, two the second and so on.)	
Jesse tree	The prophet Isaiah foretold that the longed-for Messiah would descend from the royal house of David: "A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a branch grows out of his roots, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." (Isaiah. 11:1-2) The Jesse tree uses symbols to represent those who prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah.	
Purple	Purple is the colour of lent. It symbolises the royalty of Christ and repentance.	
God's plan	In this unit we learn about God's plan. People in the old testament prophesied that God would send his son to sacrifice his life so that we could be forgiven as son's and daughters of God.	

Advent is a time when Christians prepare to receive that love and friendship given in Jesus at Christmas. They do this by listening to or reading passages from the Bible, singing songs and hymns and saying special prayers which help them think about God's gift of love and friendship given to us in Jesus.

Isaiah, a prophet from the Old Testament, who was waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the one promised by God who would show God's love and bring peace. For centuries, the people of God longed for and waited in hope for the coming of the Saviour. This was especially true when there were difficulties and the people were treated badly.

Three men from faraway lands came to visit Jesus when he was born. They brought gifts.

Gold – to symbolise that he was a king

Frankincense – to symbolise his holiness

Myrrh - to symbolise his early death



## GIFT

Year 4 Topic 3



### OUR BIG QUESTION

What is so special about gifts?



### REFLECTION

Today a Saviour is born!

In the stillness of the night God enters human history

through the birth of his only Son.

He is our peace and hope.

In him we praise God for his goodness to us in giving us so great a gift.  
Amen.

### KEY VOCABULARY

friendship   loyalty  
commitment   rejoice  
peace   God's plan

### SCRIPTURE

"This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us."

*(1 John 4: 10-12)*