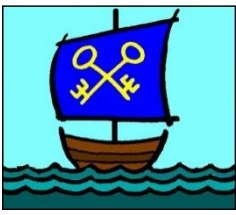
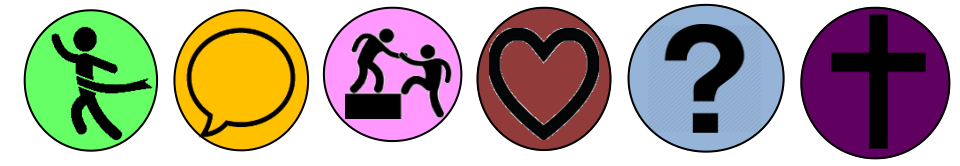


# Advent- Hope

## LF1: Waiting in Joyful Hope

- use our knowledge of Advent to write a guide to advent.
- read a piece of scripture that teaches us about the importance of waiting in Hope.
- understand what the Church teach us about Advent
- understand and be able to explain the meaning of the advent wreath.



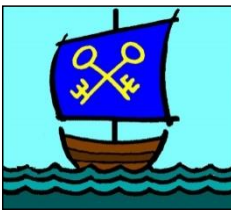
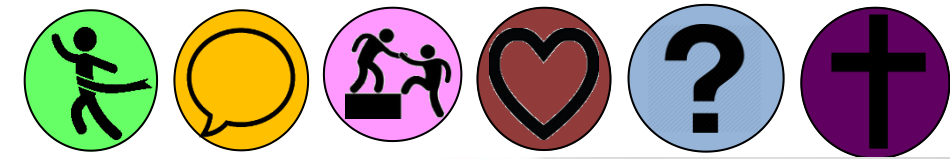
**What did we think about in  
our last lesson?**





Isaiah was a very important prophet born 765 years before Jesus.

He loved God and thought of God as strong and mighty,  
He trusted in God completely.  
He tells of the coming Messiah.  
The people in those times were living in kingdoms which were often at war with one another.  
They yearned for a time of peace and happiness. Isaiah told of the Messiah God would send who would bring peace and justice on earth.



**'... He will wipe away  
the tears from  
everyone's eyes and  
take away the  
disgrace his people  
have suffered  
throughout the world.**

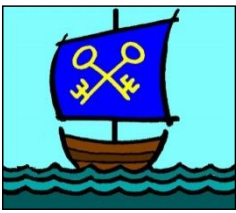
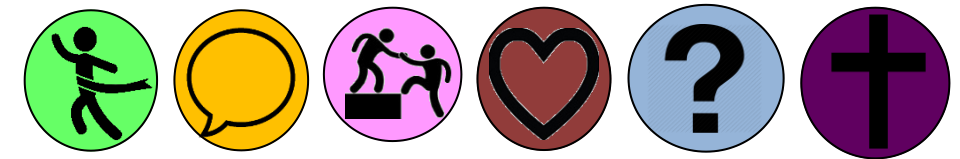
**The Lord himself has  
spoken.**

**When it happens,  
everyone will say;  
He is our God! We have  
put our trust in him, and  
he has rescued us.**

**He is the Lord! We have  
put our trust in him, and  
now we are happy and  
joyful because he has  
saved us.'**

**Isaiah 25: 8-9  
(Good News translation)**



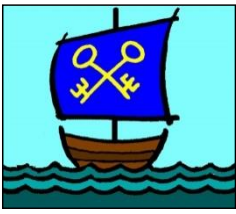


Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40:9-11  
(New Revised Standard Version)

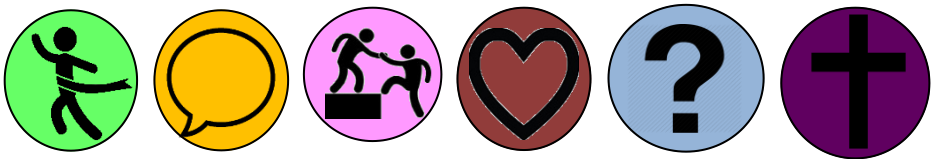


Isaiah told us to wait in patience, and the people did wait for a long time for the Son of God.

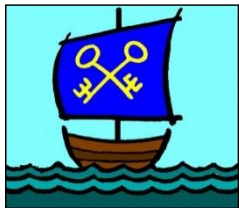
- What do we do to mark that time of waiting for Jesus to be born?
- Why are they important?

**It is a time to remember God's promise to send a Messiah. It is about waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus at Christmas as the people of God were waiting for him.**

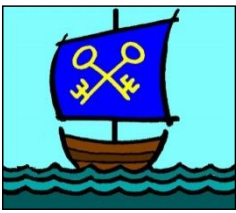
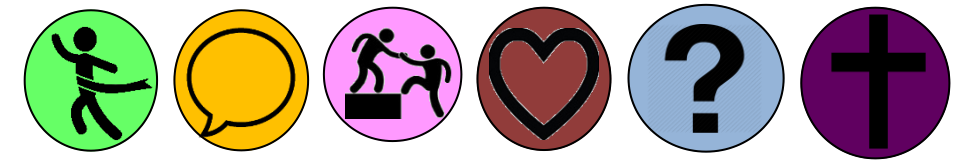




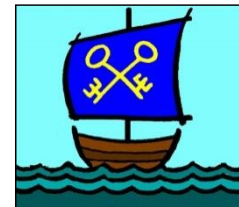
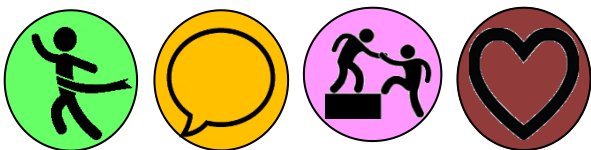
# Advent Calendars

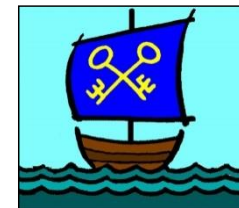
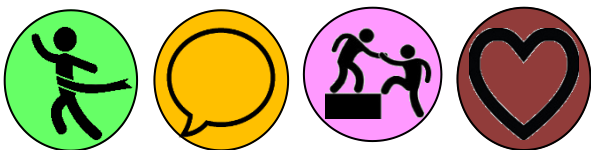






I promise to...





Christmas Day- White Candle  
for Christ

Week 1- Purple Candle for Hope

Week 4- Purple Candle for Love

Week 3- Pink Candle for Joy

Week 2- Purple Candle for  
Preparation





- The evergreen leaves symbolise continuous life.
- Holly reminds us of the crown of thorns Jesus wore.
- Circle of the wreath symbolises eternity of God and everlasting life found in Christ.
- Four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.
- Three are purple and one is rose
- The purple candles symbolise the prayer, penance and good works undertaken in this time.
- The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, this is a time of rejoicing because it is the midpoint in Advent.
- The light in the middle signifies Christ, the light of the world.



# On your Advent Wreath

- Label your Advent wreath, and talk about what each candle represents and how we can reflect on Hope, Preparation, Joy and Love throughout Advent. You can also colour it in to reflect the colours and symbology of Advent.
- For example...

*In Advent, we light 1 coloured candle for every week in Advent.*

*The first candle is purple and it represents hope we make sure we remember this because throughout Advent we are waiting in Hope for Jesus' arrival to us. Hope is important because it means that we are positive that something good will happen.*

As a challenge, write what you could do to show your own understanding of the importance of this during Advent, you may even want to make connections between what Isaiah had said about waiting in the extracts we looked at earlier.

