



**Year 2
Presents
The
Advent
Ring**

Year 2 RE Day
Monday 7th November

The Advent Ring

Our second RE day was all about The Advent Ring. We learnt about it through its symbols.

To get to know more about Advent we looked at an Advent calendar and talked about what it meant, then we discussed why Advent is special for Christians: we decided it was like a journey to the Christmas story because it is about 'coming' and 'preparation'



We looked in the Bible. In the Bible, the Old Testament prophets said one day the Messiah (Anointed One) would come and Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah, so Advent is a time to prepare for this special event, a time to prepare for God's son at Christmas, a time of preparation, thoughtfulness & prayer. We looked carefully at pictures of Advent Rings, writing down everything we could see.





We had 2 different pictures to look at, but we had seen many different versions of Advent Rings in the interactive white board



In pairs we used Double Bubbling to show the similarities and differences between these 2 Advent Rings



We tried to explain why there were differences but it was hard – some people said it was because they were in different places, because they had been made by different people and because they used different things.

We knew that these differences didn't matter because all the Advent Rings meant the same thing.

Object	Colour	Who	What
Circle of evergreen leaves.	Green		Eternal life Newness Renewal God's Mercy
1 st Advent Sunday candle	Purple or red	God's people	Hope
2 nd Advent Sunday candle	Purple or red	Old testament Prophets	Peace
3 rd Advent Sunday candle	Rose or red	John the Baptist	Love
4 th Advent Sunday candle	Purple or red	Mary the mother of Jesus	Joy
Christmas Eve candle	White	Birth of Christ	Light of the world

Advent is the 1st cycle in the Church's and it begins on the nearest Sunday to 30th November. This year the First Sunday of Advent is November 27th.



By the end of the morning most of us recognised the advent ring as a symbol of advent and of light and advent as a special preparation for Christmas. We had also been able to ask, answer questions about advent and religious symbols, identify symbolism of each candle on advent ring and name and explain the importance of advent ring for Christians. Some of us suggested how the ring helps Christians prepare for Christmas and were able to talk about why Christians believe Jesus is the light of the World and how this belief affects their lives.

The afternoon was challenge time: We had to plan, prepare and produce an RE Display about Advent which answered the question *“How can we show what we know about the Advent Ring?”*

Brainstorming ideas



Building models



We had until 3pm on Monday 7th November to complete the planning, preparation and production for the challenge, and we had to:

- Work together as a class and a team.
- Use the ideas and abilities of others to help.
- Include everyone in your team at least once.
- Include 3D models, paintings, colourings, drawings or collages.
- Complete the planning, preparation and production by 3pm on Monday 7th November

This is what we did:

