Let's Learn About Advent

Advent means COMING!

Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus. We wait for Jesus to come at Christmas.



When is Advent?

- Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.
- Advent has 4 Sundays before Christmas.



The Christmas Season

- It begins on Christmas Eve, 24th December.
- It lasts for 12 days.
- It goes on until the Feast of Epiphany (the Feast of the Three Kings).
- We sing Christmas carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

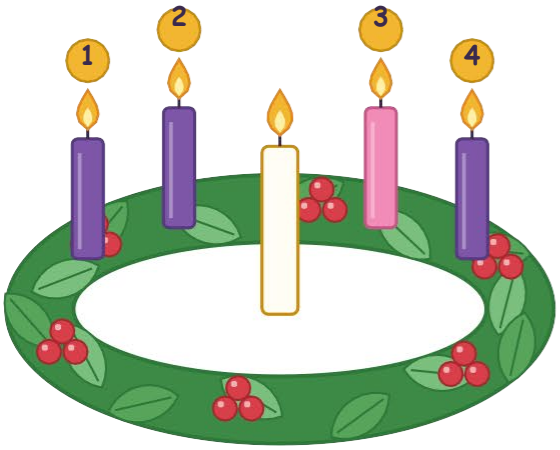


The Gloria

- In Advent we do not sing the Gloria.
- But on the Third Sunday we do sing it!
- The Third Sunday is joyful: the angels announce the birth of Jesus.



The Advent Wreath



The circle:
God's love and mercy never end. A circle has no beginning and no end.

Green leaves:
Evergreen branches: eternal life comes through Jesus Christ.

Red berries:
Drops of blood Jesus shed for us, caused by sharp thorns.

Four candles:
One for each Sunday of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

The Four Sundays of Advent

1st Sunday	Purple	HOPE	God keeps His promise.
2nd Sunday	Purple	PEACE	Prepare to welcome Jesus.
3rd Sunday	Pink	JOY	Joyful announcement of the birth of Jesus by the angels.
4th Sunday	Purple	LOVE	God's love for us.

The Christ Candle



- It is a white candle. It stands in the middle of the wreath.
- Jesus is the Light of the World.
- We light it in the Christmas season, from Christmas Eve to the Feast of Epiphany.

Let's Practise

1 Fill in the Blanks

Choose a word from the box to finish each sentence.

coming | four | pink | eternal | Light | carols

1. Advent means _____ .
2. Advent has _____ Sundays.
3. The colour of the third Advent candle is _____ .
4. The green leaves remind us of _____ life.
5. Jesus is the _____ of the World.
6. We sing _____ during Christmas.

2 Match the Following

Draw a line from each picture to its meaning.

	Red berries	●	● Hope, peace, joy and love
	Green leaves	●	● Joy
	Advent wreath	●	● Drops of Jesus' blood
	Four candles	●	● Jesus is the Light of the World
	White candle	●	● Eternal life
	Pink candle	●	● God's love has no end

Let's Practise More

3 Circle the Correct Answer

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

1 What is the meaning of Advent?

Coming | Receiving | Giving



2 How many Sundays are in Advent?

Three | Four | Five



3 What do we sing on the 3rd Sunday of Advent?

Sanctus | Gloria | Creed



4 What do the green branches of the wreath mean?

Faith | Eternal life | Love



5 What does the pink candle stand for?

Joy | Sorrow | Peace



6 What does the white candle stand for?

Jesus is the Love | Jesus is the Light | Jesus is the Peace



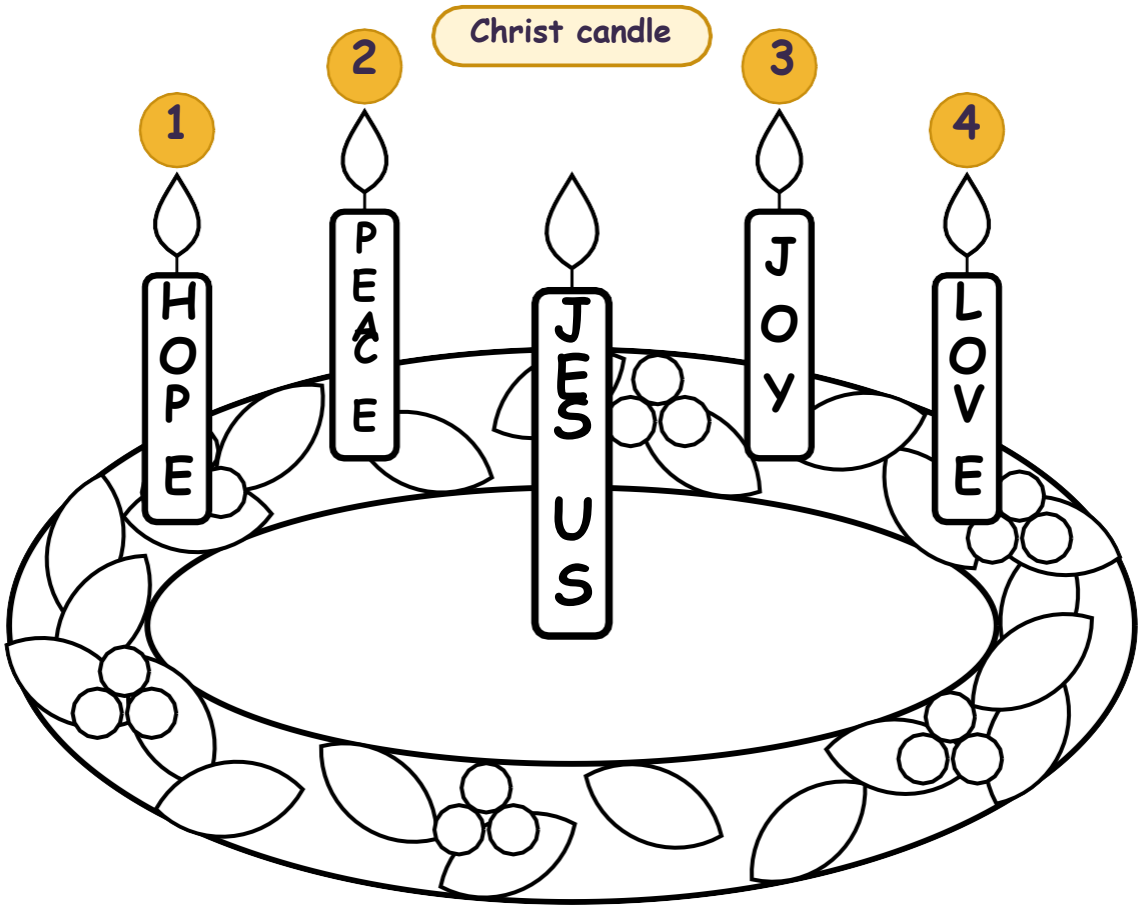
7 How many days does the Christmas season last?

15 days | 13 days | 12 days



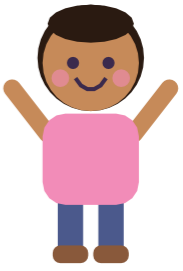
Let's Colour

4 Colour the Advent Wreath



Colour Key

- Candles 1, 2 and 4: purple
- Candle 3: pink
- Christ candle: white (leave it white!)
- Leaves: green
- Berries: red



Show Think and Promise

5 Think and Answer

1. Who are we preparing to welcome during Advent?

2. What can you do to prepare your heart for Jesus?

My Promise to Jesus

This Advent, I promise Jesus that I will:

Draw it here:

Signed: _____