

Component 6: Candles and holders

What we will know after this sequence:

- How to make a candle and explain my own Christmas traditions for my family
- Different representations candles have at Christmas and other religious festivals/celebrations
- Reflect upon how my friends celebrate Christmas and spot any similarities or differences
- To notice how a Christingle is also another way of using candles to represent Christmas and the Nativity story

Vocabulary:

Candle, holder, wax, decorate, Christmas, traditions, represent, Nativity,

How will this feed into my next learning:

I will use my knowledge of Christmas to reflect upon other religions and how they do/do not celebrate Christmas. I will also use my knowledge of candles to see if they are used in other festivals/celebrations in other religions.

SEN:

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Component 4: Third and Fourth Sunday of Advent

What we will know after this sequence:

- Shepherds Candle symbolising Joy
- Third candle is a remind that God came for the most unlikely people and that the first announcement of the Messiah's birth was given to the shepherd's.
- Angels Candle symbolising
- That the fourth candle represents the peace Jesus gives to us



Vocabulary:

Candle, Shepherds, Messiah, birth, Angles, peace

How will this feed into my next learning:

I will use my knowledge of the Advent story and the symbolism behind the candles on an Advent Wreath to then explore other Christmas Traditions from around the world.

SEN:

Key words with images available.
Alternative way of recording available.

Component 5: Christmas Around the World (Hannukah)

Link: Talk from community

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>

What we will know after this sequence:

- The features of the Jewish festival of light
- The Hebrew word for dedication
- Lasts for 8 days and 8 little candles and one in the middle
- Date changes
- 10th December to 19th December this year
- Menorah is the thing that holds up the candles
- Lit from left to right but you read from right to left



Vocabulary:

Festival, Jewish, candles, Menorah, Christmas traditions, light, differences, similarities

How will this feed into my next learning:

I will use my knowledge of Christianity and Christmas to compare and contrast Christmas from around the world.

SEN:

Key words with images available. Alternative way of recording available.

Component 3: First and Second Sunday of Advent

What we will know after this sequence:

- Prophet Candle symbolising hope.
- First candle represents anticipation of the coming of Messiah.
- Bethlehem Candle symbolising faith.
- Second candle represents preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child.



Vocabulary:

Candle, prophet, symbolise, hope, Bethlehem, faith

How will this feed into my next learning: I will use my knowledge of the first two candles to look at in more depth the third and fourth candles and what they represent.

SEN:

Video to support/TA to discuss key words.

Component 2: Other ways of counting down to Christmas

What we will know after this sequence:

- Other examples of how people have or still do countdown to Christmas.
- What an advent calendar is and the importance of these.
- How to make their own advent calendar.



Vocabulary:

Advent Calendar, Christmas, countdown, importance, Jesus' birth

How will this feed into my next learning:

I will use my knowledge of ways people countdown to Jesus; birth to explore in more depth the traditions that occur during Advent in Christianity.

SEN:

Key words with images.
Step-by-step instructions.

Component 1: Advent Wreath

We should know:

- The names of a few different religions/Basic understanding of the Christmas story/Basic facts about God and religious celebrations/Rights respecting school and we celebrate diversity

What we will know after this sequence:

- That the beginning of Advent is a time for the hanging of wreaths/That wreaths/trees symbolize the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus Christ.
- What each part of the Advent Wreath stands for; circle for eternity; green for newness, renewal and eternal life; four outer candles for period of waiting four Sundays of Advent; candles for the light of God and centre one being Christ Candle/What all 5 candles represent/That term Advent means the arrival of a notable person (Christ) and 'coming' in Latin.

Vocabulary:

Advent wreath, candles, represent, symbolise, mean, Christ, hope, peace, joy, love

How will this feed into my next learning: I will use my knowledge of the Advent wreath to look at in more depth the meaning behind the different candles as well as how other cultures and religions celebrate Christmas.

SEN: Key words with images available/Videos available

