



# Reception's

# Journey of Faith



# Prayer and Liturgy

## Advent song

(sung to the tune of O come all ye faithful)

Why are we waiting? Why are we waiting?  
Why are we waiting? Why do we wait?

We're waiting for Christmas, we're waiting for Christmas,  
We're waiting for Christmas, that's why we wait.

The waiting time's called Advent, the waiting time's called  
Advent, The waiting time's called Advent, that's when we  
wait.

The waiting colour is purple, the waiting colour is purple,  
The waiting colour is purple, it tells us to wait.

In Advent we live like Jesus, in Advent we live like Jesus,  
In Advent we live like Jesus, it tells us to wait.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

During prayer time each week in Advent, we lit the relevant Advent candles to remind us that we were waiting for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.



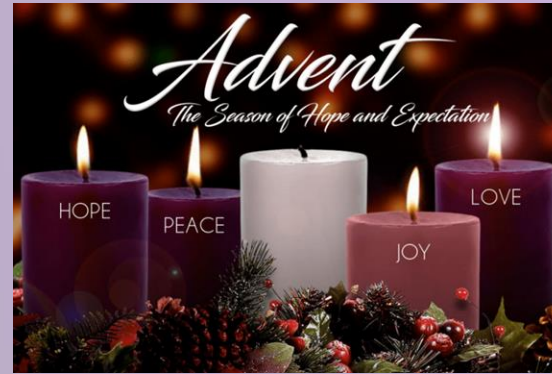
Each day we looked forward to opening the door on Cafod's interactive Advent Calendar.

# People who care for us

We talked about celebrations that take place in church. We particularly focused on the celebration of marriage - where people show love and care for each other by making promises to each other before God, family and friends. In small groups we acted out a wedding ceremony.

# Learning and Growing as the People of God

## Advent



We have been learning about the special time of Advent. We know that there are 4 weeks in Advent and that this is the waiting time leading up to Christmas. We learned that there are 5 candles on an Advent wreath, that each Sunday we light a different candle.



# Intentional and Prophetic

In Reception we are **Intentional** when we...

- make good choices, showing love and care to others.
- share and think about others before ourselves.
- Try to look after the wonderful world that God has created for us and not waste valuable resources.

In Reception we are **Prophetic** when we...

- tell people about Jesus with our kind words and
- inspire others with our good choices.
- recycle and use resources wisely.



In Reception our Catholic Virtue Luminary for **Intentional** and **Prophetic** is **Chloe**

Chloe is such a kind and caring child, especially when playing with the Nursery children. She listens and following instructions straight away- always with a smile on her face. She is a great role model to all. Through her kind words and actions, she is a shining example, of a follower of Jesus



## Catholic Virtues

# EYFS and Year 1 Nativity

We worked with Nursery and Reception to retell the special story of Jesus' birth. We dressed up in costumes and acted out the special roles in the Nativity story. We enjoyed learning songs which brought the story to life.



Catholic Life of Our Lady  
& St Rose

# Forest School

We had great fun at Forest school with Miss Mapather and Ms Lay. We worked together as a team and our hard work was rewarded with hot chocolate and marshmallows.



**Catholic Life of Our Lady & St Rose**

# Charity fundraising



We brought in food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank, we wore our Christmas jumper and donated money to Sifa Fireside. We also donated a blue food item to make a raffle prize, to raise money for Birmingham Children's hospital.



## Catholic Life of Our Lady & St Rose



We wore yellow to raise money for Children in need.