

Advent



Advent is the start of the Christian year.

Advent is the four weeks before Christmas. It starts on the Sunday nearest to 30th November. It ends at midnight on Christmas Eve.

People spend time with family and friends. Some Christian people will go to church to pray or sing. They might use Advent calendars or Advent wreaths. They might light Advent candles or Christingles.



The four candles stand for the light of God.

Each part of the Advent wreath is important to Christian people.



The white candle is for the birth of Jesus and is called the Christ candle. It is lit on Christmas Day.

A circle of branches means that God's love does not change.

Each part of the Christingle is important to Christian people.

The lit candle stands for Jesus as the Light of the World.

The fruits or sweets stand for the fruits of the Earth.

The four sticks stand for the four seasons.

The orange stands for the world.

The red ribbon stands for the blood of Jesus.



Questions

1. What is Advent the start of? Tick one.

- ☐ November
- ☐ the Christian year
- ☐ Christingle

2. What does Advent come before? Tick one.

- ☐ Easter
- ☐ Christmas
- ☐ December

3. What is lit on the Advent wreath on Christmas Day? Tick one.

- ☐ the red ribbon
- ☐ the circle of branches
- ☐ the white candle

4. What does the Christingle orange stand for? Tick one.

- ☐ the world
- ☐ the four seasons
- ☐ the fruits of the Earth

5. How might some Christian people celebrate Advent? Tick one.

- ☐ give presents
- ☐ go to church
- ☐ go to school