



Fresh Approach Collective Worship Planning

Year B Term 2

Advent and Christmas



Week 1	Take it back to the playground 1
Week 2	Take it back to the playground 2
Week 3	Remembrance Sunday, Anti bullying week, Children in Need
Week 4	Take it back to the playground 3
Week 5	Take it back to the playground 4
Week 6	Advent
Week 7	Advent
Week 8	Christmas

*This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.*

Collective Worship Plan – Year B Term 2

Please note: These are just ideas to support your own planning – please change, adapt and tweak for your school and children. You do not have to follow these plans exactly as they have been written. Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

Advent Christmas					
Liturgical colour	Monday Whole School	Tuesday Whole School	Wednesday Whole School Psalm Praise / Singing Worship	Thursday Worship in the classroom	Friday Celebration worship
Week 6 Advent	<p>Advent – time out! Start with table/hands for ‘to do’ lists, presents etc, get children to discuss feelings of stress/anxiety/fatigue, pace of life. <i>The image of a shaken-up glass of water with mud/silt in is really effective to discuss these feelings – and can be returned to at the end of the assembly to vividly show the settling purpose of ‘time out’.</i> Clear table/arms and create space, maybe light a candle. How does this change how children feel?</p> <p>Why do we wait? Discuss times children may have waited – for sibling birth, important visitor, birthday, special treat. Gives time to not be rushed, and so fully appreciate the event.</p> <p>Worth the wait? How did children feel when they finally got to the event? Ready? Made better by anticipation and being prepared?</p> <p>Advent: Climax of ‘the Biggest Story ever told’– ‘Incarnation’, when Creator God sent Jesus, his Son, to become ‘fully God and fully man’, God with us... Worth the wait?... relate to children’s anticipation when the stage goes dark, and the curtains are about to be opened on play/film...</p>	<p>Advent – a time for Mindfulness – Listening! Light a candle, but this time a birthday cake candle. Do you ever find yourself humming or singing when you are excited or happy? Not just when you sing songs like ‘Happy Birthday’, but background singing as you live life?</p> <p>Advent reminds us that Jesus is coming... amazing news, of the plan of an awesome Creator God. Even nature can’t help but sing... <i>Has it ever seemed to you that when you listen really carefully when you are outside you can hear singing ... maybe rain/waterfalls/wind in trees. What can you hear? What message do you think Creation would be saying about Jesus? Encourage awe & wonder responses. Play some of the sounds of nature:</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KzFe5ORQkQ (wind in trees) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcholcYNYIU (waterfalls) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvqqKvPhYFQ (windy mountains)</p> <p>Read Psalm 19 v1-4, or watch a musical version e.g. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4ONGfpmGk The musician King David heard the music of nature and wrote this poem about it. And the prophet Isaiah said that Creation is singing not only to celebrate God the</p>	<p>Advent – a time for Mindfulness – Looking! What do we see around us? How does this make us feel? Use images: -cones/warning signs -digital/billboard – anticipation - traffic signs - careful -school/home signs – safe -hospital sign – helped -balloons- excited</p> <p>Show pictures of Windsor preparing for Royal Wedding with bunting, or London with Mall flags for Queen’s birthday parades. What message does the environment communicate? What emotions?</p> <p>Read Psalm 8 or watch as video clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHTqxAUETEQ or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEWV_xf0P4 Seeing is more powerful than just hearing, our environment is the natural ‘Twitter’. Creation has been crying out a message that God is good, God is with us, since the very beginning. As we see the seasons change, we are reminded that God is in control - so just like his plan to send Jesus happened, we know his plan to be with us, and for our lives, is sure. Today when you look around you, take the time to see signs of God around you.</p>	<p>Advent – preparing for Christmas – Wait <i>Advent comes from the Latin word ‘adventus’ meaning ‘Coming.’ Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ’s second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour of the season of Lent is used, purple or blue, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance.</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pj6vzfk8II You might like to start your worship with this song. It is a traditional Advent Hymn. ‘O come, O come, Emmanuel. As you listen to the tune, what feel does it give you? Does it sound joyful or mournful? God’s people were waiting for God to help them and send the promised Messiah. They had been waiting a long time and were tired of being oppressed by other groups, including the Romans.</p>	<p>Celebration Worship: The Best Gift Ever! <i>Open with song e.g. ‘Come on and Celebrate!’</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kog4QkDT4Ho</p> <p>Today as we celebrate we remember that we are taking time out to reflect on the birth of Jesus, the climax of the ‘Big Story’ of the Bible, the biggest news and best gift ever.</p> <p>As we start our Christmas shopping, what are the best gifts we can give? Christmas is a season of love (link to School Values/Vision), how can we use this time to think how best to show love to those around us? How did God show love? Read John 3v16, so how can we show love? Read 1 John 3v18 Could discuss physical gifts, talents ‘gifts’, handmade gifts, shared time, sharing a very special e.g. favourite toy/teddy, charities such as Samaritan’s Purse, showing kindness and friendship on the playground...</p>

Collective Worship Plan – Year B Term 2

Please note: These are just ideas to support your own planning – please change, adapt and tweak for your school and children. You do not have to follow these plans exactly as they have been written. Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

<p>Week 6 Advent</p>	<p>Did you know Jesus was here since the beginning of time? Jesus is God and was there in the beginning when the world was created. Wow, what a long wait for his birth! Read Genesis 1v1-4 & John 1:1-4. Jesus was there with God at Creation, God created light, He sent Jesus as light of the world. John 8v12</p> <p>As we prepare for Christmas and take this moment of peace, let's use the lights of Christmas to remember Jesus, the Light of the World.</p> <p>Prepare for a moment of quiet reflection/prayer by reminding children of Mother Theresa's 'God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer'</p> <p>Encourage children to focus thoughts on Jesus's birth and the real meaning of Christmas as they reflect/ share prayers. Could use a song to help create calm: Either sing or listen to a reflective song e.g. 'v 1 of Be Still, for the presence of the Lord' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKWGSzxtcZA (you may wish to skip the opening & play from 0.30mins)</p> <p>Could finish by listening to a song e.g. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sp6OWxt2Rew reminds us that waiting can be tough, like Mary waiting for her baby (relate to sibling births), but can also be a gift: or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ePJJ5Yuw8c focuses on eager wait for Immanuel</p>	<p>creator, but also to celebrate his plan of Christ being born to 'redeem' or save/rescue people through all time. It's so amazing! Read Isaiah 44v23</p> <p>Respond with a song e.g. 'All creatures of our God and King' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEQahdgg-e4&list=PLVHu0Dxuc-sFDcV1SThIk1XhAoze_wL0&index=11&t=0s (The Heavens Declare' Trevor Ranger) 'Everywhere around me!' (Out of the Ark music)</p> <p>Close with Psalm 98v7&8 We are part of God's creation, how will we sing our joy today? Listen out for the songs of nature around you today!</p>	<p>around you.</p> <p>We are part of Creation. How can you be part of showing God to those around you today? (link to school vision/values)</p> <p>Finish by meditatively reading together Psalm 33v20-22 to focus Advent's time of waiting as a time of trust in God being with us now, and hope in God's plans – both his Incarnation plan, and his plan for each of us.</p> <p>Could sing 'Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder', or listen to Worship song 'How Majestic' with amazing nature photography. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oa7TPqlwu-g</p>	<p><i>O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</i></p> <p>What were God's people hoping for? = Emmanuel, which means God with us.</p> <p>What is advent? What does it mean to you? Advent is the time when Christians look towards the birth of Jesus and remember how God's people longed for His arrival all those years ago. It is a time of waiting and a time of expectancy</p> <p>Read Micah 5:2-5. This is a prophecy from God about the promised Messiah. It also explains that His people will be freed from slavery, when the baby (Jesus) is born. What promise does God give about him, the Messiah?</p> <p>Listen to the song again and allow the children time to reflect on what advent means to them as they wait for Christmas; the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p>Could link to 1 Corinthians 13v4-7 or Mother Teresa 'Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home' or Matthew 22v39</p>
---------------------------------	---	--	---	--	---


Collective Worship Plan – Year B Term 2

Please note: These are just ideas to support your own planning – please change, adapt and tweak for your school and children. You do not have to follow these plans exactly as they have been written. Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

<p>Week 7 Advent</p>	<p>Light first Advent Candle – Hope Remembering the Patriarchs – Those who have gone before us leading the way to Jesus.</p> <p>Introduce and explain the Advent wreath, which is decorated with five candles. These symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, with the 5th being lit on Christmas day.</p> <p>The Biblical meaning of Patriarch – any of those biblical figures regarded as fathers of the human race, especially Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their forefathers, or the sons of Jacob.</p> <p>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are the three main figures that the Hebrew faith was built on. Read Genesis 12: 1-4. (God’s promise to Abraham.)</p> <p>I wonder why Christians remember these three great characters during Advent? The word for today is Hope – how do the stories of these 3 men give us hope today? (God is faithful, walks with beside ‘you’, can be trusted, listens, guides ‘you’, has a plan for ‘your’ life.)</p> <p>I wonder who your family unit* is built on? I wonder who takes care, guides and walks with you through life? Spend some time thinking about those people and then say thank you to God for all they have done to look after and love you.</p> <p><i>(*Change the wording here or emphasise to suit the context of your school community.)</i></p>	<p>Light second Advent Candle – Faith Remembering the prophecy of Isaiah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah 9:6</p> <p>What do you think the word prophecy means? A prophecy is a message given to a prophet from God. In the Old Testament, there were lots of messages given to a man named Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah. (<i>anointed one / promised deliver of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew scriptures</i>)</p> <p>Read the passage from Isaiah 9:6. <i>"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."</i> Isaiah 9:6</p> <p>This verse is one of his prophecies that came true when Jesus was born and began his ministry. I wonder what you think these words mean? Do you think this is an accurate description of Jesus? Which description do you like the most? Why? I wonder if you think it is amazing that Isaiah prophesied about Jesus with such accuracy 700 years before the birth of Jesus. (Think, pair, share)</p> <p>Listen to this song, which is a song version of the Isaiah prophecy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQmi_FSfJKc ‘And his name shall be ...’ By Matt Redman As you listen to this song, reflect on what the promise of Jesus, Emmanuel (God with us) means to you and Christians today</p>	<p>Light third Advent Candle – Joy Remembering John The Baptist Luke 1: 5-25 As you light the candle ask the children what they think of when you say the word joy? I wonder where we might see joy in our story today? I wonder if you know anything about John, the cousin of Jesus? (Think, pair, share)</p> <p>Tell the story of when an Angel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth was going to have a baby, even though they were very old and thought they couldn’t have children. https://ideas.brf.org.uk/forgotten-story-christmas This is a child friendly version of the story. It could be split and used across both days.</p> <p>Look carefully at verses 12-17. What do we learn about John from these verses? (John was later referred to as John the Baptist and was the cousin of Jesus) I wonder how Zechariah felt when he heard all these things? When people are pregnant they always wonder what their babies would be like and their character-but Zechariah was told all of this before he was even born. I wonder why the angel told him so many things about who John would be?</p> <p>Luke 1: 39-45 Read this short passage together from the message version. What happens when Mary and Elizabeth meet and hug? (The baby – John, leapt for joy inside Elizabeth). What does this tell you about the relationship between John and Jesus and John and God? How is this an example of joy? I wonder where we see or feel joy in the Christmas story?</p>	<p>Remembering John The Baptist Luke 1: 57-66 The Birth of John the Baptist</p> <p>I wonder why Christians remember John the Baptist at Christmas time? Tell the story about the birth of John the Baptist. Did Zechariah get his voice back? How? Why were the people surprised at the babies name?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cROnNgHCYQw You might like to watch this video to enable the children to complete the story of John the Baptist.</p> <p>John had an important job to do on Earth, he had to prepare people for the arrival of God (Jesus) and start spreading the His love. I wonder what job God might have called you to do? I wonder how you could spread and share love and joy like John and God did when he heard the prayers of Zechariah and Elizabeth?</p> <p>The children might like to write a prayer or reflect on how they could share love or what role in life God has called them to do.</p> <p>Try learning this medley of Christmas songs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0ifgc5GjwA Chris Tomlin, This Christmas</p>	<p>Celebration Worship Open with children reading some ‘rejoice’ texts such as Psalm 9v2 Psalm 13v5 to remind that Advent is a time of great joy as we wait for Christmas.</p> <p>Use Psalm 33v1-5 to focus on the joy of our singing as being the celebration of God’s Salvation plan, that God has been ‘with us’ since the beginning of Creation, and at Christmas we are remembering Jesus, ‘Immanuel’, being born as ‘God with us’ (Matthew 1v23, prophesied in Isaiah 7v14)</p> <p>Have a Celebration Worship centred around Jesus-themed Christmas Songs.</p>
--	---	--	--	---	--

Collective Worship Plan – Year B Term 2

Please note: These are just ideas to support your own planning – please change, adapt and tweak for your school and children. You do not have to follow these plans exactly as they have been written. Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.

<p>Week 8 Christmas</p>	<p>Light fourth Advent Candle – Love Remembering Mary, the mother of Jesus.</p> <p>Luke 1:26-38 – Ask some children to read or act the conversation between Mary and the Angel out. <i>“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.</i></p> <p>Mary was very obedient to God’s message – I wonder how you would have responded? I wonder how she felt at this point?</p> <p>Watch the Angel Gabriel visits Mary video clip and Mary visits her cousin clip. https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/episode-1-angel-gabriel-visits-mary-paperlesschristmas https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/episode-2-mary-visits-her-cousin-paperlesschristmas</p> <p>Listen to this song ‘Mary did you know’ sung by Pentatonix. <i>(There are other versions of this song on YouTube, which contain images of Jesus and Mary – be aware that they do contain gruesome scenes of the Crucifixion, so should be avoided or watched and stopped before this point.)</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifCWN5pJGIE</p> <p>I wonder how Mary felt about being given the amazing gift of carrying the son of God?</p> <p>The fourth candle on the advent wreath is to remember Mary, but also to remember love. I wonder how these two might be linked?</p> <p>I wonder what you would do if someone asked you to do something really important and special?</p>	<p>Promise – Remembering the birth of Jesus</p>  <p>I wonder what you can see in this image? What do you think it might represent?</p> <p>Luke 2: 1-7 – The birth of Jesus Read this section of the story – you could watch this video clip of the birth of Jesus. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5m2GE6DFeM</p> <p><i>Explain to the children that the journey would have taken Mary and Joseph four or five days as Nazareth is 65 miles / 105 km north of Jerusalem, while Bethlehem is a hilltop town situated on a ridge near the edge of the Judaea desert, 5 miles / 8km south of Jerusalem. This would have been a hard journey as it would have been cold at night and Mary was heavily pregnant.</i></p> <p>Spend some time reflecting on this journey and the faithfulness of Joseph as he cared for Mary along the way.</p> <p>Hanna Varghese, God Is With Us, 2006. https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/ Ponder on this image of Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. I wonder why the artist painted it like this, why do you think there are children sitting around Jesus? <i>John 1:14 The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.</i> This verse reminds Christians that Jesus is God in human form, who came to live on Earth with us to be with us. Emmanuel, God with us.</p>	<p>Peace – Remembering the Angels and Shepherds</p> <p>Luke 2: 8-20 Today we are thinking about the angels and the shepherds. This clip tells this part of the story really well. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGak3d7HOck</p> <p>I wonder how the shepherds felt when they saw the angels in the sky and heard them singing? They were afraid to begin with, but then they realised they had nothing to be afraid of. Shepherds in Bible times, were not highly thought of and were very unimportant. Many people avoided them as they thought they were smelly, dirty and not very clever. I wonder if you think it is interesting that the first people who knew of the birth of Jesus were the poor shepherds, ordinary, hardworking men who were often outcasts in society? Why do you think they got the message first? <i>(The good news that Jesus brought was for everyone, a life changing message of joy and hope. Jesus’s birth was not as anyone expected, born to a teenage mum, in a borrowed space away from home, visited by shepherds – this helps Christians today know that Jesus was one of us and understands life that is difficult and full of challenge.)</i></p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DE7VtGIR8o Angels by Matt Redman Listen to this song as you reflect on the message the Angels brought to the Shepherds and to us all.</p> <p>Or you could sing this song – a modern version of Noel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWaqFcvrDQA&list=PL1ILLIOB-HfHqkMRCQedfEHWMJYpolEnP&index=6</p>	<p>Adoration – Remembering the Wise Men</p> <p>Matthew 2: 1-14 I wonder what you adore? What does adore actually mean? (love and respect someone deeply) I wonder if you would travel large distances to go and get it? Unbelievably, a man in Manchester ordered a curry from a take away restaurant in New Zealand. The curry travelled 18830km! https://guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/76077-longest-curry-delivery</p> <p>Matthew 2 v 11 The wise men travelled about 800 miles from Persia to Bethlehem. This is a very long way following a star to find the promised Messiah. When they arrived they bowed down and worshipped Jesus, giving gifts.</p> <p>Retell this part or watch this short clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22SMUUMsx0o I wonder how the wise men felt when they saw baby Jesus? They had waited a long time to worship him. I wonder how Mary must have felt when the wise men came to worship her baby?</p> <p>The wise men bought gifts for Jesus that symbolised his future. <i>The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.</i> I wonder if you were to visit Jesus what you would bring?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOhroY65Rs Listen to In the Bleak mid -winter, a poem by Christina Rossetti especially the last verse <i>What can I give him? Poor as I am If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb If I were a wise man, I would do my part But what I can I give him, Give my heart</i></p>	<p>Christmas Celebration worship Light fifth Advent Candle – Light of the world</p> <p>What does the last candle represent? What is Christmas really all about?</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poswRRB_2iO This clip is from the film The Star, it shows an overview of the birth of Jesus and those who came to visit him.</p> <p>Reflect on the story and what the birth of Jesus means for Christians today? I wonder what Christmas might mean for you?</p>
---	--	---	--	--	---

Collective Worship Plan – Year B Term 2

Please note: These are just ideas to support your own planning – please change, adapt and tweak for your school and children. You do not have to follow these plans exactly as they have been written. Please ensure you watch any video clips to ensure they are suitable for your context.