



Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

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ADVENT APPEAL 2017 – Make Love Your Aim

Introduction

Thank you so much for participating in this year's Advent appeal for the **Catholic Children's Society Plymouth (CCSP)**. We are so grateful for your support!

The theme is '**Make Love Your Aim**'. We are asking schools to explore how CCSP helps local children and families in the diocese and how they can get involved while growing closer to Jesus ready for Christmas during Advent.

Easy to teach activities and a PowerPoint presentation are provided for each year group to introduce the CCSP to children at an age appropriate level. These lessons link directly with the differentiated learning outcomes and suggested activities from the **Advent teaching materials provided by the diocese and Unit 3 – Advent from 'God Matters'**. The planning is easy to follow, features engage, explore and express activities and also highlights AT1 and AT2 elements. All resources are free of charge and are available to download from our website: <http://ccsplymouth.org.uk/good-shepherd/> Please feel free to use or adapt the resources and activities as you see fit to support your teaching.

Fundraising

Our hope is that after learning about the CCSP, staff and children will feel inspired to help with our fundraising as part of their Advent preparation. Every child will get their own crib collection box to take home following their learning on the work of the Children's Society and how it links to Advent. Not only will it be a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas but it can be filled with current or previous currency, from this country or any other. Boxes will then be returned to school in time to celebrate at Epiphany. Any donations at all will be gratefully received by the CCSP. The charity has a crisis fund which provides emergency support for children, young people and their families who are having financial difficulties. It provides one-off grants to meet emergency needs such as essential white goods or clothing. Any head teacher in the diocese can access the fund for a family in need by completing a simple form stating the circumstances and needs of the family.

100% of the money you raise for the Catholic Children's Society Plymouth will go to supporting families living in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.

Contact

If you have any questions please email Claire.Warren@prcdtr.org.uk or call Heather in our main office: **01364 645420**

Thank you so much for supporting CCSP this Advent!



Make Love Our Aim - Year 1

<p>Learning Intentions</p>	<p>God Matters learning Objective To know that we wait and get ready for Jesus during Advent.</p> <p>Working towards age related outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be able to give one way Christians prepare during Advent. <p>Age related outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be able to recognise some of the words connected with Advent including: Advent, Nativity, Mary and Joseph, preparation. (AT1) • Pupils will be able to recognise that Christians prepare in special ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus. (AT1) • Pupils will be able to talk about how they and others prepare during Advent. (AT2) <p>Working at greater depth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be to use the words Advent and preparation and explain very simply their meaning. (AT1) • Pupils will be able to say how Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus during Advent. (AT1i) • Pupils will be able to ask questions about how they and others prepare to celebrate Christmas and ask if there is a right way to celebrate Advent. (AT2) <p>Additional learning To know how CCSP helps local children through their services. To understand how we can help CCSP help local children</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>Story bag containing a couple of nativity characters, a birthday candle, a number less than 28 Advent discussion pictures (below) CCSP PowerPoint Nativity scene and characters Envelopes Paper</p>
<p>Key questions</p>	<p>What is Advent? How long does it last? What do we do during Advent? What are we waiting for? How do we need to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus?</p>
<p>Engage Activities</p>	<p>Story Bag – Ask children to choose an item one by one and guess what the topic will be. They may say Christmas but tell them we haven't got to Christmas yet, we are going to talk about getting ready to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus. This</p>



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	<p>time of year is called Advent. Optional - Create a simple mind map, identifying all the things the children already know about Advent. This can be added to at the end of the lesson.</p> <p>Pair and Share - Give the children an advent picture (below) to talk about with a friend. This pair can then share with another pair what they think the picture shows and vice versa. Share as a class and discuss.</p>
Explore and Express Activities	<p>Catholic Children's Society Appeal Share PowerPoint with the children explaining the 'Make Love Your Aim' appeal and showing the charity's work. Thinking of others by donating money to those less fortunate than ourselves is just one way to prepare for Christmas during Advent. Discuss 'Make Love Our Aim' appeal and how they might collect coins at home.</p> <p>Note - Ideally you need to start this with an empty stable in view as you will see in the PowerPoint. The children can then add the people who should be present as they suggest them.</p> <p>Make an Advent Calendar The easiest way to do this is to make a class one with envelopes. Each envelope carries a date counting down to Christmas. The outside can be decorated but the key thing here is to explore ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth by doing things for other people and getting closer to God. Each idea goes in an envelope (AT1ii&iii - L1 or 2 depending on ideas/response).</p> <p>Poster Children to design a poster showing all the ways they can prepare to celebrate Christmas this can be easily be linked to 'Make Love Our Aim' appeal. (AT2i L1. If they can answer questions on their poster this would be L2)</p>
Prayer	<p>Jesus, Your birth brought love, hope and joy to the world. Help us to bring your message to life in our lives through Advent. Let us not forget those children and families who live in poverty who might not have such a joyful Christmas. Amen</p>



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