



# Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

*Putting All Children First*

## **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**

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**Thank you so much for supporting CCSP this Advent!**



## Make Love Our Aim - Year 6

<b>Learning Intentions</b>	<p><b>God Matters learning Objective</b> To understand that Advent is a season of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ and a season of preparation for celebrating his Birth at Christmas.</p> <p><b>Working towards Age Related Expectations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pupils will be able to make links between the stories of Mary and Joseph and our beliefs about preparing in Advent.</li></ul> <p><b>Age Related Expectations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pupils will be able to describe and show understanding of different Biblical texts and explain how they inform the Christian understanding of preparing in Advent both to celebrate the presence of Christ in our World and the Second Coming of Jesus (AT1)</li><li>• Pupils can explain what beliefs and values inspire and influence Christians to keep Advent as a season of preparation and penance. They will be able to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Independently use Biblical stories to justify conclusions and help answer the question.</li><li>2. Articulate their own views selecting appropriate reasons.</li><li>3. Draw on evidence from other sources (AT3) (Note - This could be '<b>Working at Greater Depth</b>' if the response was well thought out and logical) Using the sources independently does not mean that you cannot help them achieve this by both scaffolding and suggesting sources.</li></ol></li></ul> <p><b>Additional learning</b> To know how CCSP helps local children through their services. To understand how we can help CCSP help local children</p>
<b>Resources</b>	Internet and an interactive whiteboard Laptops/video recording devices (optional) Annunciation sheet (below) Joseph's Story sheet (below)
<b>Key questions</b>	What is the purpose of Advent? How should we prepare for Christmas? What do we mean when we say 'Christ will come again' and when we talk about the 'Second Coming'? How is what we know about Mary and Joseph relevant to our Advent preparation today? What inspires Christians to keep Advent as a season of preparation and penance?
	<b>Quiz</b> Recap the details of Advent. For example:



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<p><b>Engage Activities</b></p> <p><b>Engage Activities</b></p>	<p><a href="https://catholic-link.org/how-much-do-you-know-about-advent/">https://catholic-link.org/how-much-do-you-know-about-advent/</a></p> <p><b>Advent Preparation</b> Watch the clip <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVRnF8sg-RI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVRnF8sg-RI</a> <b>How are people here encouraged to prepare during Advent? Is this wrong or right? Why?</b> Watch the clip <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/media/video/2015/nov/06/john-lewis-debuts-2015-christmas-advert-manonthemoon-video">https://www.theguardian.com/media/video/2015/nov/06/john-lewis-debuts-2015-christmas-advert-manonthemoon-video</a> Compare and contrast the difference between the two from a Christian perspective. <b>How do Christians prepare during Advent?</b> <b>Note</b> Ensure children understand that Advent, as well as being the season of preparation for celebrating Jesus' Birth at Christmas, is also a season of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children could use ICT to prepare posters or multi-media publicity materials advertising the message of the season of Advent.</li></ul> <p><b>What slogans would you use? Where could we look for inspiration? What important symbols or graphics would you use?</b></p>
<p><b>Explore and Express Activities</b></p>	<p><b>The Annunciation</b> Read from the Annunciation sheet (below) or preferably watch the story of the Annunciation from the film Jesus of Nazareth. (<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2Ah-SbuqjQ">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2Ah-SbuqjQ</a>) <b>Why doesn't Anna, Mary's mother, see the Angel?</b> <b>Why do you think Mary is told about Elizabeth?</b> <b>How do you think Mary feels?</b> <b>Note</b> You may need to explain that at the time Mary lived the penalty for being unmarried and pregnant was to be stoned to death.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the sheet below entitled '<b>Annunciation</b>' to encourage the children to think more deeply about how Mary was affected by the news. <b>It is very important here to makes links between ways she might have changed and prepared and the ways we still prepare during Advent.</b></li><li>• Use the sheet below entitled 'Joseph's Story'. Read the Bible and poem extracts then use these to help answer the questions.</li></ul> <p><b>What inspires Christians to keep Advent as a season of preparation and penance?</b> Discuss the meaning of the questions and where we can find evidence to support our ideas. Allow children time to discuss ideas and reasoning with a partner. Ask all children to respond to this question supporting their ideas with reasons and evidence from sources where possible.</p>



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	<p><b>Catholic Children's Society Appeal</b> Link Mary and Joseph's preparation to our own Advent preparation. To get ready for Christmas, Catholics try to become the best person they can be in order to grow closer to Jesus. This can be done in a number of ways – prayer, saying sorry to God (confession) and good works. This can include any kind act, but often people look to help those less fortunate than themselves by giving to charity during Advent. Share the PowerPoint with the children explaining the 'Make Love Your Aim' appeal and sharing the charity's work. Discuss the appeal and how they might be able to contribute.</p>
<p><b>Prayer</b></p>	<p>This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan. We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act. Amen</p>



## Annunciation

**Luke 1:26 - 38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was deeply troubled by the message and wondered what the words meant. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. You will become pregnant and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be unto me according to your word."

- **Read through the passage and carefully underline or highlight words or phrases you think might be important. Explain why you think those are key words or phrases.**
- **The angel calls Mary by name. Do you think this is important?**
- **What do you think Mary is feeling? Why?**
- **How do you think Mary prepared for Jesus' birth? How might she have changed?**
- **How do you think Mary's preparation links to current day preparation during Advent (prayer, confession, and good works)?**



## Joseph's Story

- **Read Matthew 1 v 18-24.**
- **Read this exert from larger poem called "A Christmas Oratorio". It is about the people around Joseph taunting him.**

Joseph you have heard  
What Mary says occurred;  
Yes it may be so  
But is it likely? No.

Mary may be pure  
But Joseph are you sure?  
How is one to tell?  
Suppose for instance...well.

Maybe, maybe not,  
But Joseph you know what  
Your world, of course will say  
About you anyway.

- **What was Joseph's first reaction to the news about Mary?**
- **How do you think he felt?**
- **How did Joseph respond to God's messenger?**
- **What was life like for Joseph as he and Mary prepared for Jesus' birth? Do you think things changed?**
- **Do you think there are any similarities between the way we prepare during Advent and way Joseph would have prepared?**