



Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and to think about the value love.

Can you remember
what church season we are in?



What does the word ‘advent’ mean?



Advent lasts for four weeks just before Christmas. It starts the Sunday after St Andrew's day and finishes on Christmas Eve.

Over the last three weeks we thought about the advent wreath and what the different parts symbolise.



Do you remember?

The circular shape

represents God's eternal loving presence; it has no beginning and no end.

The evergreen leaves, which never fade in colour,

signify God's constancy.



Do you remember?

Three of the candles on the wreath
are purple.



In the church what does the colour purple symbolise?

Purple symbolises new beginnings and times of
change.

We have now lit three candles on our Advent wreath.

What does the first the candle represent?

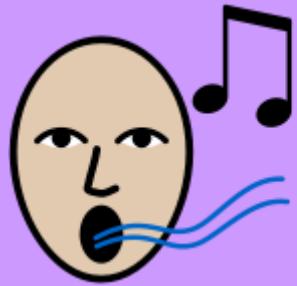
The first candle

represents hope

It is known as

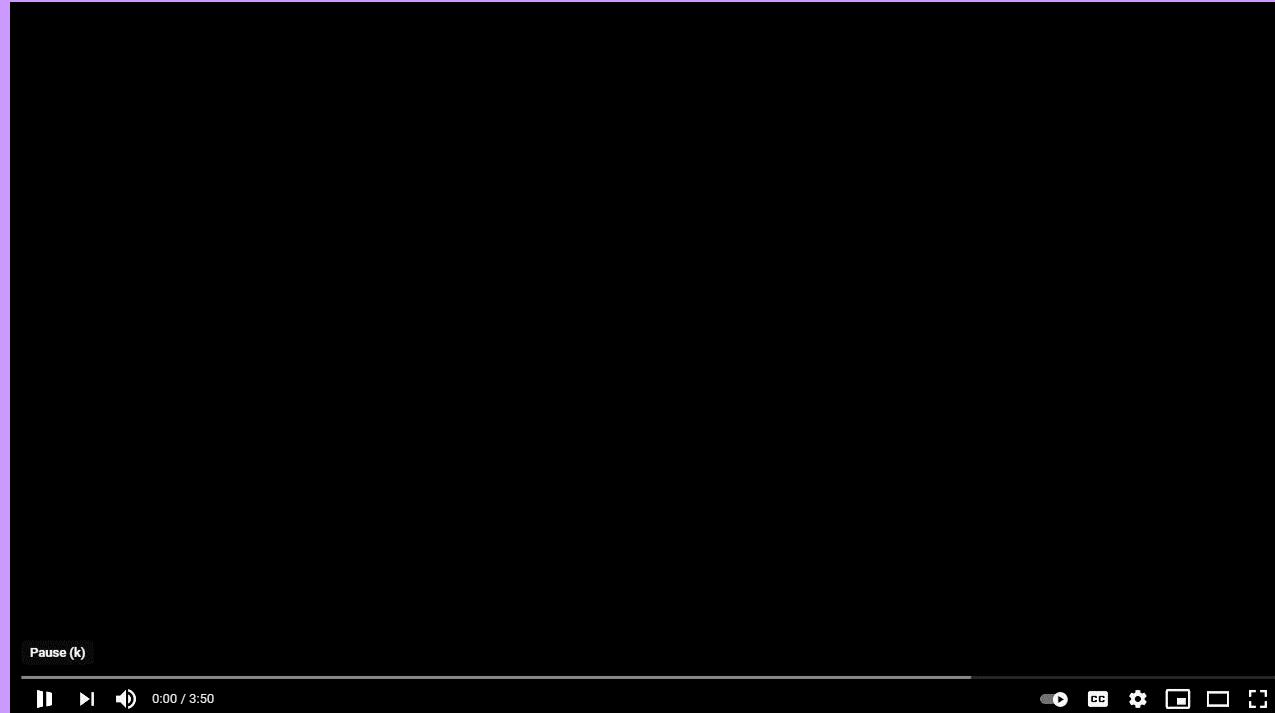
the Prophet's Candle.





Let's join together and sing

Hope



What does the second the candle represent?

The second candle

represents peace.

It is known as

the Bethlehem Candle.





We will now join together to sing

Peace Perfect Peace.



Peace, perfect peace

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.



What does the third the candle represent?

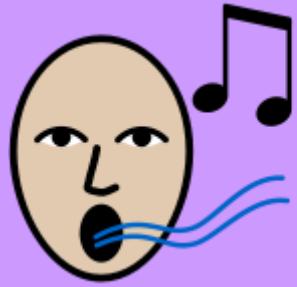
The third candle

represents joy.

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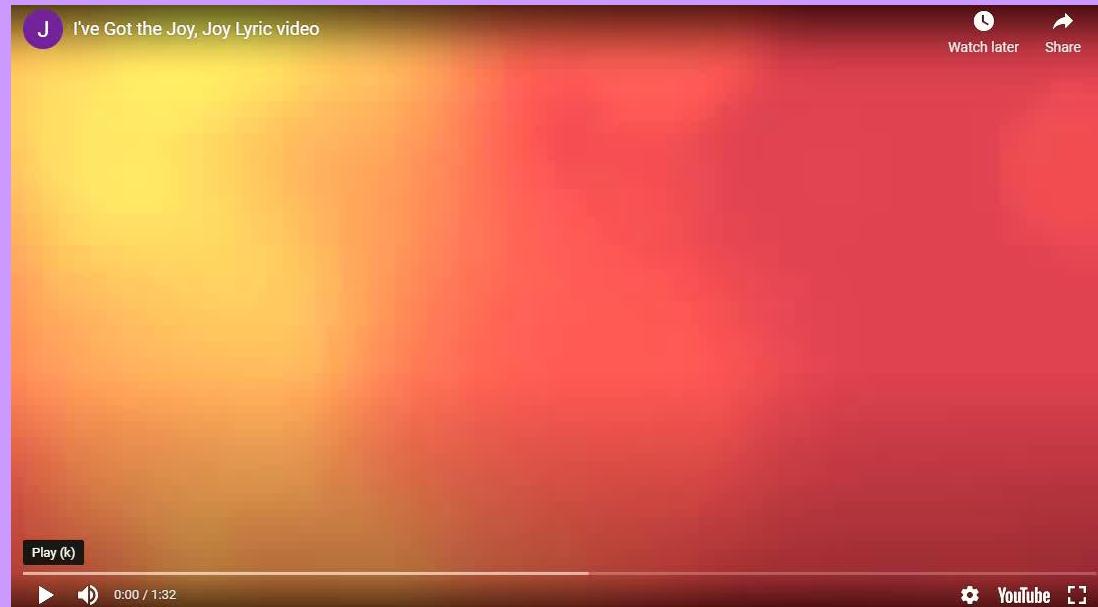
the Shepherd's Candle





Let's join together and sing

I've got the joy



On the fourth week of Advent

we light the next purple candle,

representing love. It is known as

the Angel's candle.





Love can often be seen as a sentimental feeling where you are happy.

It's a big warm hug from family and friends.

It reminds us to show kindness and care to everyone around us.

Love is important and we should share it.

How Does the Bible Describe Love?

The Bible stresses that God sending Jesus into the world was an act of perfect love ([1 John 4:8-12](#)).

Jesus loved people, and yet he didn't try to always be nice to people. Sometimes, he pushed people to consider what they really believed if they really wanted to follow him ([Mark 10:17-27](#)).

Sometimes, he got them to admit their mistakes to see how much they needed God ([John 4:1-42](#)). Throughout his ministry, Jesus maintained that the key to finding God was to follow him and obey his teachings.

In this season of gift giving, it is lovely to give and receive presents, but material things are not the only, or the best way to show we care. Let's think about providing others with gifts that money can't buy:



The gift of listening

no picking up your phone, no walking away, no interrupting.

The gift of a visit

remember to spend time with friends or relatives who may be feeling lonely this Christmas.

The gift of a cheerful disposition

no feeling sorry for yourself, no nasty comments, no complaining.

The gift of helping

help others, tidy your room. This gift is more valuable when it anticipates a request rather than responding to one.

The gift of a compliment

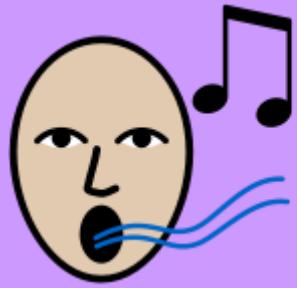
build someone's confidence by noting their goodness, ability, or true beauty.

The gift of support

be there for others, be someone on whom people can rely. Think about how you could help others.

The gift of prayer

Praying for someone is like saying, "You are so special to me that I often talk to God about you." Pray for the sick, the lonely, the poor.



Let's join together and sing

Love Shone Down

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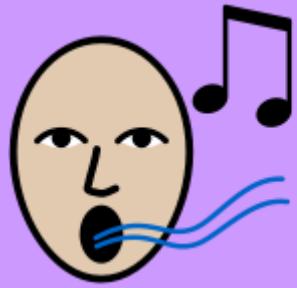


The fifth candle, the white one is known as Christ's Candle.

It represents the baby Jesus.

This candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the culmination of Advent.





Let's join together and sing

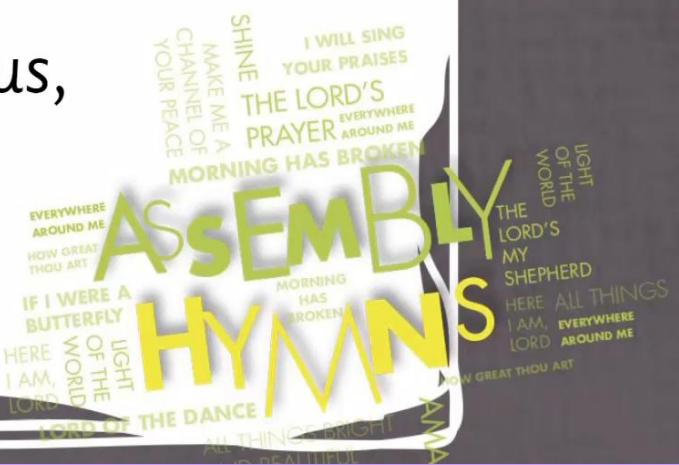
Shine Jesus Shine

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1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

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Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

Let your light shine through us.

Amen





