



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 joy.

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 two 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 the first and second candle on our Advent wreath.

What did the candles represent?

The first candle represents hope.

The second candle represents peace.



On the third week of Advent
we light the pink candle,
representing joy.





Let's join together and sing

J-O-Y-F-U-L

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1 2 3 4

CHORUS

J-o-y-f-u-l,

It's a word **anyone** can spell,

We can't wait till **things** go well

To be **j-o-y** with an **f-u-l**!



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Spiritual Joy

is a deep cheerfulness and gladness of heart. It is happiness and a calm spirit. It comes to us as the direct result of knowing Christ Jesus, along with all that he has done for us, and will do, not just in this life, but eternally.



The word 'JOY' helps Christians to remember why they celebrate Christmas.

Jesus



O

y

Jesus



Others



y

Jesus



Others



Yourself



I'll now lead a prayer, listen and if you wish to make the prayer your own join in with the Amen at the end.



Dear God,

Thank you for all the joyful moments that we have experienced even when times have been tough.

Thank you for all the times when we have helped people out and seen the joy that they have experienced.

Thank you for the birth of baby Jesus and the joy that this has given people.

Please help us to experience joy this Christmas.

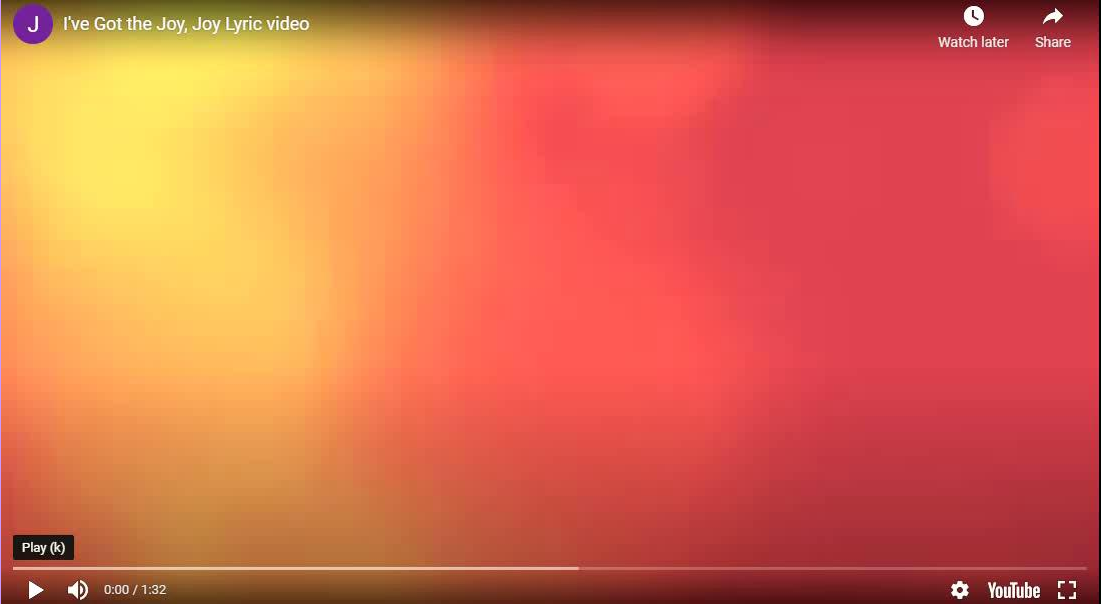
Amen.





Let's join together and sing

I've got the joy





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





