

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

■	Advent is a time when the church focusses prayer on the second coming of Christ.
✦	different denominations within Christianity hold differing beliefs about the importance and status of Mary.
✦	the themes of Advent tell the 'big story' of God's salvation plan.
◆	Christians believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but Jewish people do not.

By the end of this unit pupils are expected to be able to:

■	describe the symbolism, practices, beliefs and themes of the season of Advent.
✦	explain the ways in which Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament Prophecies.
✦	express and explain their hopes and dreams for the future.
✦	use religious vocabulary to show they understand the themes of Advent.
◆	express their opinion about what they think the message of John the Baptist would be today.
◆	reflect and decide what they have learnt from this unit about Christianity and themselves.

I know:	✓	?
Advent is a time of preparation and the season of hope.		
during Advent the church spends time focussing on the promise of Jesus' return.		
Christians believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but Jewish people do not.		
different denominations within Christianity hold differing beliefs about the importance and status of Mary.		
the themes of Advent tell the 'big story' of God's salvation plan.		
I can:	✓	?
explain how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies.		
use religious vocabulary to describe the symbolism, practices, beliefs and themes of the season of Advent.		
express my opinion about what I think the message of John the Baptist would be today.		
talk about what my hopes and dreams are for the future.		
think carefully and talk about what I have learnt during this unit.		