

What should I already know?

Because God loves us, he gave us his only Son, Jesus. God called Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. Mary said 'Yes' to God's call. Angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. The stories about Jesus are in a special book called the Bible.



**Year 2 – Branch 2:
Prophecy and promise**

Hear – What scripture will we hear?

- The Annunciation of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-20)
- The Annunciation of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38)
- The Visitation (Luke 1:39-50, 53)
- The birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-58)
- Zechariah's voice is restored (Luke 1:59-66, 67, 76)
- The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-8)

Key Vocabulary

Advent

Advent wreath

Annunciation

Isaiah

John the Baptist

Magnificat

Prophet

Zechariah

Celebrate – How we celebrate the Good News

- Some words of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat, in which she gives thanks to God and prays for his just world to come.
- Advent is a time of Christian preparation for Jesus' coming.
- That the Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of the light.
- How the Christmas story is celebrated in song: carol services.

Believe – What do Christians believe?

- That prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message inspired by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is born to be a prophet.
- Christians believe that the person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus. In Isaiah's words, Christians recognise Jesus as a light in the darkness and Immanuel, 'God-with-us'.
- Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.
- That Mary is the mother of God and our mother who is trusted with all our prayers.

Live – How we act as Christians

- About some daily / weekly commitments that enable Christians to live in a way that prepares them for Jesus' coming.
- Advent preparations in different cultures.
- The meaning and interpretations of the candles / wreath in different cultural contexts.
- How Catholic Social Teaching can help to guide Christians to 'share the light' with others.