

What should I already know?

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'.



**Year 3 – Branch 2:
Prophecy and promise**

Hear – What scripture will we hear?

- Why Christians go to Mass on Sunday.
- How Catholics celebrate mass.
- Messiah would be born of a virgin and would be called Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)
- The Annunciation to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)
- Revisit (Luke 1:26-38)

Key Vocabulary

Mass

Sunday

Advent

Joseph

Angel

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrate – How we celebrate the Good News

- How Catholics use some signs, actions, prayers, and symbols to celebrate Mass, e.g., the sign of the cross, bells, the Kyrie Eleison prayer, etc.
- Hear some of the responses Catholics say at Mass, focusing on the Liturgy of the Word.
- How Advent hymns celebrate Jesus as the coming Messiah (e.g., O Little town of Bethlehem; Long ago prophets knew; O come, divine Messiah; O come, O come Emmanuel).

Believe – What do Christians believe?

- Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, Christians gather on a Sunday.
- Catholics gather to celebrate Mass where they listen to the words of holy scripture (the Liturgy of the Word) and meet Jesus in Holy Communion (the Liturgy of the Eucharist).
- The Liturgy of the Word includes readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- That Jesus' birth was foretold by the prophets.
- That Joseph listened to the angel and opened his heart to the Holy Spirit.

Live – How we act as Christians

- Some ways that Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent.
- Representations in art around the world, connecting to the prophecies of Christ's coming.