

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: RE

Topic: Advent to Christmas

Year: 2

Autumn 2

What should I already know?

- Christmas is a celebration that Christians celebrate.
- Jesus was born on Christmas day.
- Advent signs and symbols – candles, wreath, calendar.
- Candles represent Jesus as the light of the world.
- The wreath has 5 candles – pink, purple and white.

What am I going to learn?

- The church has a special time of waiting for the birth of Jesus which is called Advent.
- Prayer is an important part of Advent.
- Scripture is the special readings of Christianity that are found in the Bible.
- Lectio Divina is a form of prayer.
- We pray the Lectio Divina to get ready for Christmas.
- There are 4 stages of the Lectio Divina.
- Mark was a Gospel writer and wrote about the story of good news of Jesus.
- Mark wrote for his community who lived in Rome.
- Mark wrote to persuade his community that Jesus is God in human form.
- Christmas is celebrated across the world in different ways.

Vocabulary

Advent: It is a time of waiting for the birth of Jesus.

Christmas: Christmas is celebrated on 25th December. It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: It is the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina is an ancient way of praying.

Prayer: Prayer is talking to God. It's telling Him what's going on, asking for help, thanking and praising him and seeking forgiveness.

HOW DO YOU PRAY THE LECTIO DIVINA?

Lectio Divina is a practice of **scriptural reading**. It involves meditating on a passage of the Bible, preferably the **Gospel of the day**.

Steps to pray:

- 1. INVOKE**
Invite the Holy Spirit to guide the reading of the Scripture.
- 2. READ**
Ask yourself: What is this passage saying? If you can, use a Bible commentary.
- 3. MEDITATE**
In a moment of silence, try to listen to the voice of God.
- 4. PRAY**
Begin to dialogue with the Lord and open yourself to his will.
- 5. CONTEMPLATE**
Listen closely with your heart and put into practice what he has told you.

