

UNIT C – YEAR 4

ADVENT

ABOUT THE UNIT

In this unit of work the children will learn about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David. Through this work the children will be able to place the story of the first coming of Jesus into an historical context.

WHERE THE UNIT FITS IN

This unit builds on previous work in Year 2 and in Year 3 about the ancestors of Jesus and those who waited for him to come.

PRIOR LEARNING

It would be helpful if the children have:

- some knowledge of the structure and meaning of the Season of Advent.

SKILLS

Research skills, thinking skills, discussion, sequencing skills.

VOCABULARY

Family tree, Jesse Tree, ancestors, Names of Jesus' ancestors.

ASSESSMENT

At the end of this unit:

Most children will know that Jesus was descended from the House of David. They will know some stories about some of Jesus' ancestors and will be able to recognise how important their relationship with God was to them. Children will be able to place some of the characters into an historical sequence and will identify some important symbols for these different people as featured on the Jesse Tree.

Less able children will know some facts about a few of the ancestors of Jesus. They will recognise that the Jesse Tree is telling the story of the family tree of Jesus.

More able children will know some reasons why we recall the ancestors of Jesus during Advent. They will be able to recall in detail some stories of Jesus' family and their relationship with God.

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A.T.2

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PROGRAMME OF STUDY	TEACHING STRATEGIES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain to the pupils that the Jewish people were waiting for the coming of the Messiah. Ask them to find the meaning of the word. • Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Does Jesus have some of the qualities that Isaiah spoke of? Which ones especially? • Ask the pupils to imagine they were Prophets today. Write scrolls with a prophecy proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. What words would you use? Who would you tell of the coming of the Messiah? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of ways they might proclaim the coming of the Messiah today. 	

RELATED SCRIPTURE

Mt. 1: 1-16 – The Family Ancestors of Jesus

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 – The anointing of David as King of Israel

Isaiah 7: 14-15 – Messages of the Prophets

Isaiah 11: 1-2

Jeremiah 30: 21-22

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

- Use different Advent symbols during Collective Worship.
- Use the prayers for the Sundays of Advent in the respective weeks of the season.
- Read stories of the ancestors of Jesus as you create the Jesse Tree.
- Pray for those who proclaim the coming of Christ today.

OTHER LINKS

DT links to create a Jesse Tree for the school, church or classroom.

EVALUATION

What went well?

Which areas of planning need to be developed/adapted next time?

What needs to be revisited/developed in a later unit?