

Love - Advent 4 and Christmas Day

Only a few days to go till Christmas Day itself—are you getting excited?

Advent has helped us to prepare, to be ready to receive the gift, and part of the joy of Christmas is the waiting, but there's nothing like the day itself.

Today we hear the nativity story, as Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem and Mary and Joseph are surprised by the visitors who tell them that this baby is a very special baby.

That first Christmas had lots of surprises. I wonder if you will have a lots of surprises this Christmas, or perhaps you can plan a nice surprise for one of your friends or family members.

Song Time [Waiting for Christmas](#) - Sue Bleazard



Craft: It's time to put the fourth candle on our advent ring. Follow the instructions for week 4 on the attached sheet.



This week: Make a fourth special ornament for your Christmas Tree. Find a Christmas card with a picture of Mary Joseph and Baby Jesus and cut around them. Add the word 'Love'.

Prayer time

Thank you God, for the waiting time in Advent.
it's been good to take time to prepare for Christmas.

Thank you for all the good things that we will enjoy in this coming week,
for all the special things that we only have at this time of year.
And thank you most of all for Jesus—the gift of your love.

Story: [The story of Christmas - Jesus is born](#). Saddleback Kids

Song time: [All the Angels Sing](#) - Duggie Dug Dug



Christmas Day

'Light' the white candle in the centre with your tissue paper and celebrate!

Advent ring craft

This week add a label which says **Love** to the fourth candle, add it to your ring and 'light' the candle with tissue paper flames. Prepare the tallest candle, covering it with white paper and adding a label which says **Jesus**, get the tissue paper flames ready too. Then wait for Christmas day to arrive.



Christmas day

Add your final candle on Christmas Day. 'Light' with your flames.

Jesus is born!



Jesus - God's gift of love at Christmas



God is with us