

'The World is Waiting' Advent Calendar for Secondary Schools

Wonder about the various characters waiting for the birth of Jesus' using this online advent calendar.

This link will take you to the Advent calendar.

[Advent Calendar 2023](#)

Or you can go via our [Diocese of Guildford website here.](#)

In the event that the direct links stops working the one on the website will still work.

This Advent calendar does not contain pictures of elves and snowmen, instead each day takes you to a picture of the nativity by an artist from a different country or culture. Also a story from the Bible about one of the people who was waiting for the birth of Jesus.

When you click on the door you will find:



an image;



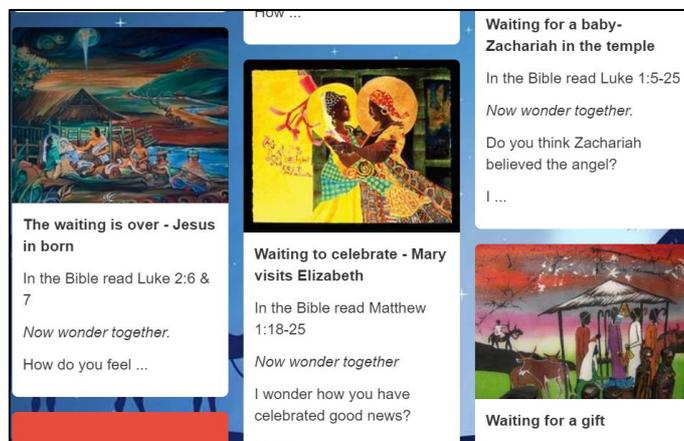
some wondering questions;



on school days there is a video to watch



the Bible reference for the story.



The calendar ends on the last day of term.

At the weekend we have provided a picture and some questions to wonder about at home.

On the next page is a summary grid showing the content for each day. You may wish to edit the questions according to the age of your pupils.

Using the Advent Calendar for collective worship in schools

The calendar would work well in 'class collective worship.



For each day to properly be an act of collective worship, spend a few moments together reflecting or praying about the things you've discussed. The questions are designed to establish some connections with the everyday lives of your pupils, so should help you to make this time appropriate and inclusive for all. You might want to ask a child to lead this.

'The World Is Waiting' Advent Calendar 2023 Overview – Secondary Version

Date	Character/Story 	Bible Reference 	Video Source All on YouTube 	'Wondering' Questions..... 
1 st	Waiting for a king	Isaiah 9:6-7	Advent in 2 minutes Busted Halo https://youtu.be/eC0FGQLBp7w?si=HsgEd90QL-Trnt7L	I wonder what you think a good king should be like? I wonder what sort of king they were waiting for? What clues can you find in the text?
2 nd	Waiting for a gift			How does it feel to be waiting for a gift? How do you feel when you are waiting to give a gift?
3 rd	Waiting for a celebration			What are you waiting to celebrate? Who will you celebrate it with, and how?
4 th	Waiting for peace	Isaiah 11:6-10	CAFOD Prayer for peace https://youtu.be/UoEyJT-Rkjo?si=dgawuDDQhNGSanoA	There are lots of places in the world where people are waiting for peace. You might want to think of a few of these places together now. How can you bring peace into your class or family today?
5 th	Waiting for a baby- Zachariah in the temple	Luke 1:5-25	An Angel appears to Zachariah Discover Jesus https://youtu.be/mE_GrwvoaW0?si=yS7F87H5vk47kLvR	Do you think Zachariah believed the angel? I wonder if you have ever found something hard to believe?
6 th	God waiting for a Mary-The angel visits Mary	Luke 1:57-66	Mary did you know ? King Digital Media https://youtu.be/bYe7odIJLF0?si=Jl46zqFz1xp_8L8d	What do you think God saw in Mary that made him choose her to be Jesus' mother? What good things do you see in other people? Perhaps you could celebrate each other in your class today.
7 th	Waiting for understanding-The angel visits Joseph	Luke 1:26-38	An angel visits Mary and Joseph Faith Kids Story Video https://youtu.be/4T3nN26_PUk?si=t2eWUMMpaRz_vdCl	I wonder why Joseph was confused? I wonder what's confusing you?
8 th	Waiting to celebrate - Mary visits Elizabeth	Matthew 1:18-25	Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56) Discover Jesus https://youtu.be/mg--wB6aRV4?si=laDOv3hfCqy5pJfp	I wonder how you have celebrated good news? What good news is there to celebrate this week?

9 th	Waiting with friends			What are you and your friends waiting for? How can you help each other to wait patiently?
10 th	Waiting with family			What are you and your family waiting for? How can you help each other to wait patiently?
11 th	Waiting to arrive in Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-5	Paperless Christmas Episode 3 https://youtu.be/cHDwyePPyV8	I wonder what is the longest journey you have ever been on? I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt when they couldn't find anywhere to stay?
12 th	The waiting is over - Jesus is born	Luke 2:6 & 7	Do you hear what I hear? King and Country https://youtu.be/ziXTaDqXAkQ?si=WrypgM7iFB_Kutsx	How do you feel when the waiting is over? I wonder how it feels to see a new baby for the first time?
13 th	A surprise-The shepherds	Luke 2:8-20	Shepherds visit Jesus Faith kids Story Video https://youtu.be/mgaKobb-mqg?si=vh_-R93FSg-H8kzn	Have you ever had a lovely surprise that you weren't waiting for? Why do you think this surprise was such good news for the shepherds?
14 th	Waiting for the Messiah-The wise men	Matthew 2:1-12	Visit of the Magi Seth Michael https://youtu.be/3DSvPnN-9Pw	I wonder what the wise men were waiting for? How do you think they felt when the start kept moving?
15 th	The Messiah has arrived - Simeon and Anna	Luke 2:21-38	The presentation of Jesus in the temple Seth Michael https://youtu.be/mlHgGpTJrAc?si=jmMwKDOWFERZMZVk <i>Or for fun on the last day of term</i> Bethlehemian Rhapsody (with lyrics) Green Point Baptist Church https://youtu.be/oUxxYHwQdWA?si=rh6wk5zfl3USoH4A	Have you ever had to wait a very long time for something? What was it? How does it feel when the wait is over? I wonder which of these pictures you like the best? Why?

We reserve the right to change the videos because, our experience is that people release new Christmas materials in December so if we come across something exciting, we may insert that video!

Have fun waiting for Christmas together

Jane and Rachel