

SLIDE OVERVIEW – TE TAU ME ONA RITENGA TAPU

Season or Feast: Advent

Year 3 Lesson 01

Print off this slide overview to supplement your planning.

Refer to Teacher's Notes for background information related to the lesson content and suggested Teaching and Learning Experiences in the Teacher's book or in the Teacher's material under Lesson Notes on the Lesson Home Page.

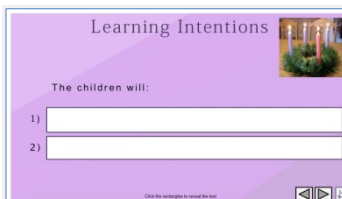
If worksheets are used in this lesson these can be printed from PDF files that are available on-line in lesson resources.



Slide 1 The Advent Wreath

Use this slide as a focussing strategy to introduce the lesson topic. Read the title together and invite children to share something they know about the Advent Wreath and how it is used to mark the weeks in the season of Advent.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 2 Learning Intentions

Read through the Learning Intentions with the class and identify some ideas/questions that might be explored in the lesson.

Teacher's Notes



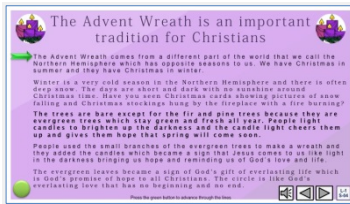
Slide 3 The Season of Advent

Children share what they know about the Season of Advent and suggest the correct word to complete the cloze activity. Use the floaters to check.

Answers

1. Purple 2. Christmas 3. Lent 4. Penitential Season 5. Ordinary Time

Teacher's Notes



Slide 4 The Advent Wreath is an important tradition for Christians

Adapt Teaching and Learning Experience 2 & 3.

Use candles to reveal text and read each one through using the pointer.

Children talk about the meaning of the text in each and ask questions and make comments.

Children who have experienced Advent in the northern hemisphere share

what it is like with the class.

Sing using the MP3 'Mo te Aweneti'

Teacher's Notes



Slide 5 The candles on the Advent Wreath

Children share what they know about the candles on the Advent Wreath.

Use the flip cards to find out more about the candles and how they are used.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 6 The Christ Candle

Identify the Christ Candle – the white one in the centre reminds us that Christ is at the centre of Christmas.

Children share what they know about this candle and what it symbolises.

Use the pointer to share the information about the Christ Candle.

*Explain that the circle shape of the wreath is like God's love that has not beginning and no end.

*The evergreen leaves are everlasting and they remind people that they live in hope that they will live forever with God. Green is the colour of hope.

*The purple ribbon reminds us to turn back to living God's ways of love and kindness.

*Explain that the four candles, one for each week of Advent, remind people that Jesus who is the light of the world is coming.

*As each candle is lit the light gets brighter.

*The pink or rose candle is lit in the third week as a sign of joy that Jesus is coming very soon.

Teacher's Notes



7 How to make an Advent Wreath

Children work through the directions step by step.

Children take their worksheet home to help make a family Advent Wreath. You may like to arrange a blessing for family Advent Wreaths on the Friday before the 1st Sunday of Advent and encourage families to bring their wreaths. Classroom Advent Wreaths could be blessed at the same time.

The worksheet could be shared with other classes to help them make their class Advent Wreath.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 8 Advent Family Prayer

Use the pointer to read through the Advent Family Prayer.

This can be used during class morning prayer each day in Advent around the wreath.

Children take home a copy on their worksheet to pray at home.

It could be added to the school weekly newsletter for families to pray.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 9 Advent Song

Use the pointer as the Advent song is sung

Sing using the MP3 'The Advent Song'

Children can share the song with their family during Advent using their worksheet.

Encourage children to pray and sing during Advent around their family wreath to prepare for Jesus to come closer to their family as they prepare for his coming at Christmas.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 10 Make yourselves into a living Advent Wreath

Look at the image on the slide.

Children follow the directions on the slide to make themselves into an Advent Wreath. The materials used for this could be shared around classes during Advent and at school prayer times.

Sing using the MP3 'The Advent Song'

Send home copies of the Children's Home Activity on p13 or on lesson home page to be completed.

Teacher's Notes



Slide 11 Check Up

This formative assessment strategy will help teachers to identify how well children have achieved the Learning Intentions of the lesson. Teachers can choose how they use the slide in their range of assessment options.

A worksheet of this slide is available for children in Years 5-8 to complete.

The last two items are feed forward for the teacher.

Recording the children's responses to these items is recommended as it will enable teachers to adjust their learning strategies for future lessons and target the areas that need further attention.

Teacher's Notes

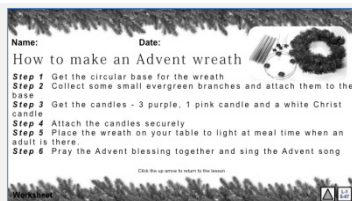


Slide 12 Time for Reflection

The MP3 is played to help create a reflective atmosphere and bring the children to stillness and silence as the teacher invites them to *reflect on the meaning of the symbols in the Advent Wreath and how it helps people to remember the season of Advent and how it lets people see that as the candle light increases that Jesus truly is the light of the world.*

Original Children's Activities available on lesson home page

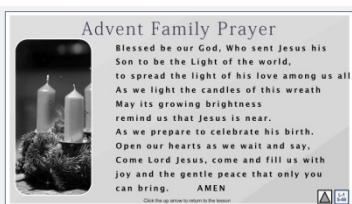
Teacher's Notes



Slide 07 How to make an Advent Wreath WORKSHEET

This worksheet relates to slide 07

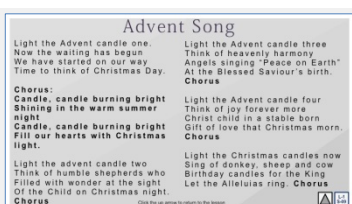
Teacher's Notes



Slide 08 Advent Family Prayer WORKSHEET

This worksheet relates to slide 08

Teacher's Notes



Slide 09 Advent Song WORKSHEET

This worksheet relates to slide 09

Teacher's Notes