

# Advent

I can explain the meaning of advent and how Christians prepare.



In pairs, look at the picture of a church during Advent. Write down the key clues that tell you the image is during advent. Discuss together all the symbolism you can see in the picture. Jot down in note form the symbols you can see which are associated with Advent.



**Clues:** (Write here the reasons you know the image above is from Advent.)

**Symbolism:** (Make notes together on any symbolism associated with Advent that you can see in the picture.)

# Advent Answers

## Clues:

*There are no flowers on the altar.*

*There is a purple altar cloth and other purple cloths decorating the church.*

*We can see an Advent wreath.*

## Symbolism:

*The colour purple is associated with Advent and symbolises that Advent is a time of prayer, reflection and preparation.*

*The lights on the candles of the Advent wreaths symbolise the light of Christ for Christians.*

*The purple candles symbolise that Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. (One of the purple candles stands for preparation, one stands for hope and one stands for love.)*

*The pink candle symbolises joy and rejoicing that it will soon be the birthday of Jesus.*

*The circular wreath symbolises God's everlasting love and eternal life. This is because a circle has no end. Some also believe the circular wreath stands for the seasons in the year.*

*The evergreen leaves in the wreath also symbolise eternal life. The holly in the wreath reminds Christians of the crown of thorns Jesus wore on Good Friday.*