



## Advent Crown

Why not make an advent wreath as a family at home. You could make one for class too. You will need 5 candles (electric nightlights are fine too) and a plate to arrange them on. Put four of the candles around the edge and one in the centre. Collect pieces of evergreen foliage to decorate it with. If using real candles you must ask an adult to help you. Each week light one of the candles as you reflect on the meaning of advent. To find out more and suitable prayers please visit: [Prayers for an Advent Wreath \(spiritualchild.co.uk\)](https://spiritualchild.co.uk)

## Jesse Tree

Another tradition you could explore is a Jesse Tree. This is a tree branch that has decorations added for each day of Advent. The decorations tell the big story of God leading up to the birth of Jesus.

[The Jesse Tree: A Guide to the Advent Tradition | Faithward.org](https://www.faithward.org)



For Advent the Archbishops Youth Trust has released Advent materials to use in worship. Find them here: <https://www.nse.org.uk/ayla/advent>



## FROSTY FOOTPRINTS

Go for a Winter walk outside in the frost and snow (if you have any). As you walk notice the footprints that you leave behind. People can follow your footprints to find you. Take a moment to pause and to ponder: when Jesus came to earth as a baby what did he leave behind in heaven? Why do you think he did this? Also whilst he was living on Earth what do you think he left behind so that people could follow him today?



## Paper Chain of Peace

After learning about how Advent and Lent are linked, you could make a paper chain of peace.

Use strips of paper, ask everyone to write a prayer for peace on a strip. Use tape or glue to make it into a long paper chain, linking up all your prayers.

What does Advent mean to you?

What do you think would be different about the world if Jesus did come back as King?

Which part puzzles you the most?

## Big Questions

Which part of the Christmas story fills you with wonder?

What message would you put into everyone's Christmas crackers?

When could you make some time to pause and ponder during Advent?

