

ADVENT is a **COUNTDOWN** – counting the days from 1st **DECEMBER** until Christmas Day when we celebrate the **BIRTH** of **JESUS**. It's our time of **PREPARATION**.

We do something to **COUNT** each **DAY** – we maybe open a **WINDOW** on an Advent **CALENDAR**, or open a box or an envelope, or burn a bit of a **CANDLE**.

You might like to make an Advent Calendar that tells the Christmas **STORY** day by day. A story of **MARY**, **JOSEPH** and **BABY** Jesus, **ANGELS**, **SHEPHERDS** and **KINGS** with **GIFTS**.

Some people do other things – they add an item to a box for a foodbank or put money into a piggybank for a **CHARITY** each day. It's important that we remember **OTHER PEOPLE** at Christmas time.

This will be a very different Christmas. So use this Advent time to think of things that you could do to be a good **NEIGHBOUR**, to cheer up people who might be lonely. You could maybe make some Christmas **CARDS** or little **PRESENTS**.

In the **CHURCH** we have an Advent **CROWN**. We light a candle each **SUNDAY** in Advent and a final one on Christmas Day.

Look for the words written in capital letters in this wordsearch.

C	O	U	N	T	D	O	W	N	K	I	N	G	S
R	T	J	A	A	E	S	U	N	D	A	Y	D	V
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A	O	E	B	I	R	T	H	D	R	S	A	T	H
R	P	O	A	N	P	R	B	S	T	U	R	E	E
I	L	P	B	D	A	Y	O	A	H	S	A	R	R
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T	M	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	T	O	R	Y
C	A	N	D	L	E	A	A	D	V	E	N	T	S

Use the leftover words to spell out a message...
