

## Year 1/2 RE Knowledge Organiser Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise

### Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live

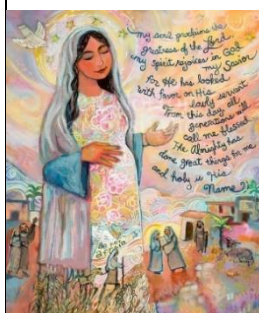
**Prophets and prophetesses communicate God's message inspired by the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is born to be a prophet.**

<sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son. You are to name him John. <sup>14</sup>How glad and happy you will be, and how happy many others will be when he is born! <sup>15</sup>He will be a great man in the Lord's sight. He must not drink any wine or strong drink. From his very birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup>and he will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>He will go ahead of the Lord, strong and mighty like the prophet Elijah. (Luke 1:5-20)



**The person Isaiah spoke of was Jesus. In Isaiah's words, Christians recognise Jesus as a light in the darkness and Immanuel, 'God-with-us'.**

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counsellor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace." (Immanuel 7:14, 9:1-2, 5-7)



**Mary is the mother of God and our mother who is trusted with all our prayers.**

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. <sup>31</sup> You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. (Luke 1:26-38)

#### Mary's Song of Praise (The Magnificat)

<sup>46</sup> Mary said, "My heart praises the Lord; <sup>47</sup> my soul is glad because of God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup> for he has remembered me, his lowly servant!

From now on all people will call me happy, <sup>49</sup> because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; <sup>50</sup> from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honour him.

<sup>51</sup> He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands.



**Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.**

### Vocabulary

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| Advent           | The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means 'coming' or 'arrival' to signify the birth of Jesus.  |
| Advent wreath    | A wreath of evergreen in which 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle are lit on each Sunday of Advent. The wreath prepares us for the birth of Jesus. It symbolizes hope, peace, joy and love. |
| Annunciation     | The announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be called Jesus.   |
| Isaiah           | Isaiah was a prophet born about 800 years before Jesus. In the Old Testament, the book of Isaiah talks about destruction and then salvation. Jesus is the salvation.                        |
| John the Baptist | John's mother is Elizabeth, who is Mary's cousin. John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. This is when Jesus realized his full mission. He is a prophet.                                   |
| Magnificat       | This is taken from the Gospel of Luke. It is a song to Mary and linked to the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth.   |
| Prophet          | A person who is in direct contact with God and the Holy Spirit gives them the ability to bring God's messages to people.  |
| Zechariah        | He was a priest who was married to Elizabeth. An angel appeared to him and told him that he would have a son who he would call John. His son would prepare the way for Jesus.               |



Isaiah



Annunciation of Zechariah  
(John the Baptist)



Annunciation of Mary  
(Jesus)



The birth of Jesus



Advent