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Year 2 RE Knowledge Organiser
Branch 2 – Prophecy and Promise

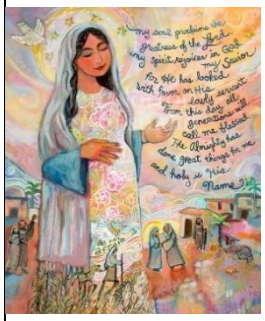
Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live

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

13But 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. 14How glad and happy you will be, and how happy many others will be when he is born! 15He 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, 16and he will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17He 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. 31 You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 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)

46 Mary said, "My heart praises the Lord; 47 my soul is glad because of God my Saviour, 48 for he has remembered me, his lowly servant!
From now on all people will call me happy, 49 because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; 50 from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honour him.
51 He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. 53 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

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 Jorden. 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