

Task Fourteen: Advent

"It really doesn't matter how we act during Advent. It is just another time of year."

I) Do you agree? Give 3 reasons.

II) Why might someone disagree? Give 3 reasons.

Task Fifteen: Christmas Miracles

Advent and Christmas are times when people like to help others. Research a charity which helps people in need during Advent and Christmas.

Task Sixteen: Reconciliation

Write and decorate an acrostic poem using the word Reconciliation.

Task Seventeen: Christmas for Christians

Some people say, 'Christmas should only be for Christians. If you don't believe in the birth of Jesus there is no point celebrating it.' What do you think? Argue your point of view and give reasons for it. Try to write a page, explaining your opinion.

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Year 8 Homework

Autumn Term All homework must be completed in your homework/independent learning book. Your teacher will stamp your work each week to indicate that they know you have completed the task. Your homework will then be formally assessed and will receive an Assessment Level at appropriate times in the year. Some of the topics you will have studied already and some will form preparation work for the next unit of work.

Task One: Covenant and Abraham

Learn the meaning of the word Covenant. Write it out in your book three times.

Covenant—A solemn promise between two people or groups of people. e.g. God's covenant with Abraham.
(A very deep and solemn bond of trust and love)

Produce a fact file about Abraham. How much information can you find out about him. Make sure this is in your own words and not just copied and pasted from the internet. Be as creative as possible.

Task Two: Sacrifice

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son for God. What would you be prepared to sacrifice in order to help someone or to become a better person. You should aim to write half a page.

Task Three: Moses and the Plagues

Do you think the ten plagues were sent by God or do you think there could have been other explanations for them happening? You should write about half a page.

Task Four: Ten Commandments

'All people should follow the Ten Commandments'

(i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer (3)

(ii) Give reasons why some people may disagree with you (3)

Task Five: David and Goliath

Produce a poster that celebrates King David. You should include pictures as well as at least six new pieces of information about his life.

Task Six: Psalm 23

Pretend that you are a Christian who is going through a very difficult time. You read Psalm 23 and it gives you hope.

Write a diary entry explaining why you like the Psalm and how it has inspired you.

Task Seven: Jonah

Design a full page poster illustrating the message of the Jonah story, with the words 'Listen to God.' Remember to be colourful, informative and clear.

Task Eight: Noah

Write a poem or diary entry that reflects how Noah may have felt knowing God had chosen him and his family to be saved and form the covenant with. (It could be a rhyming poem, an acrostic poem etc)

Task Nine: Oscar Romero

Research the life of someone who has stood up for others because they believed in what was right. Try and include at least ten pieces of information about them.

Task Ten: Isaiah

Do you think people would change their behaviour if they knew that Jesus was going to come back next week? Give two reasons for your opinion.

Task Eleven: John the Baptist

Imagine that you are John the Baptist. Write a diary entry (at least one page) that explains your feelings at having such a big responsibility of preparing everyone for Jesus' arrival.

Task Twelve: Messiah — Read all about it!

Imagine that you are a journalist who lives in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago and you hear about Jesus' birth. You hear some strange reports about angels singing to shepherds and wise men following a star. Write a newspaper article about the birth of this Messiah.

Task Thirteen: Liturgical Calendar

Choose a season of the Church Calendar. If you have already looked at a season in depth in class, it can be that one. Find out what colour the Priest's vestments (clothes) are during this season and design a set of vestments in the correct colour. You should try to include different Christian imagery that is appropriate to the season you choose.