



RHYTHM

OF LIFE

for primary schools

**In this season of
Advent, we choose to
live generously in
Jesus' name. Amen**

Advent is season of preparation and waiting.

Often the Church uses **purple** as the colour for this season.

This season is the beginning of the new year in the Church.

So what are you preparing and waiting for?



How many of you said Christmas?!

There is lots to do to prepare for Christmas.

Food to buy, a tree to decorate, presents and gifts to make - maybe some of your families have done some of these things already!

But Advent is not really about waiting for Christmas or preparing for the holidays.

It is a time when we wait with **joy**, knowing that one day, Jesus will come back and restore all of creation!



Read the Parable of the Wicked Servant.

Jesus told this Parable because he wanted his followers to know that they should always be ready and waiting for him to come back.

This parable has two endings.

Who waited well?

Who was well prepared for the master's return?

So as we wait, we should avoid being greedy and lazy and focusing on what we want. That would mean we are like the servant who was in charge in the second part of the parable.

Advent can be a special time of waiting - and time to be **generous** to others, like the master was to his chief servant in the first part of the parable. Choosing to live generously will help us focus on the real reason for Christmas: Jesus!

What could we do to show **generosity** in this special season of Advent?

Let's think

How could I show **generosity** that will enable myself and others to grow and flourish?

What could we do as a school to show **generosity** to our community?

Let's pray

Lord Jesus

We pray that our school will be a place where everyone can grow and flourish. Please give us your joy as we follow you. Teach us to live generously as we wait for your Kingdom to come. **Amen**

Let's pray The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Let's Sing!

Child in a Manger Born





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