



## Creating a focal point in school

You could produce a Jesse tree as a wall display in the hall for whole school worship and/or have smaller trees in classrooms for class worship. The stickers can be used to stick on to a wall display or to make decorations to hang from the tree each time you explore one of the stories (or group of stories).

### The worship table

Cover the worship table with a purple cloth. Explain to pupils that purple is the colour used in church during Advent, It will change to gold and white on Christmas day.

### The Advent Wreath

As a school also think about having an advent wreath on your worship table. The theme of each of the 4 outer candles can be linked to an overarching theme for each week of the Jesse tree.



**First Candle** We speak of hope – Christians believe God keeps his promises. (link to Abraham and Noah)

**Second Candle** We work for peace – Christians believe Jesus is the ‘Prince of Peace’ and Christians work for peace in his name. (Link to the stories of Moses, David etc and their commitment to following God)

**Third Candle** We show love – Christians believe Jesus gave everything for them. (link to week 3 and the gift of Jesus birth)

**Fourth Candle** We share joy – Christians believe the Holy Spirit fills their hearts and minds with the presence and joy of God (link to week 3 and the joy of those who announced Jesus birth and visited him)

**Last (Central) Candle** (Christmas Day) the last candle is to remember the birth of Jesus Christ.

### The Advent Candle

Alternatively you may wish to get hold of an advent calendar candle – one with the days of advent marked on the side, so that you can burn one day’s worth of wax each time you have Collective worship (NB someone will need to do this on Saturday and Sundays, too – it could be an opportunity for some pupils to be asked to take the school candle home and light it at the weekend)