



# RE – Candlelight as a symbol: Advent and Diwali

## Overview:

This half term within RE, we will be learning about how candlelight is used as a symbol within Christianity and Hinduism, focussing on Advent and Diwali. First, we will think about how candlelight makes us feel within certain situations. Then we will move onto learning about Advent within Christianity and how candlelight is used during this time. We will learn about Diwali and how candlelight is used as a symbol within Hinduism too. At the end, we will compare and contrast these two religions and traditions.

### What I already know...

- That different people celebrate different things.
- Some people celebrate Christmas.
- That people celebrate in different ways.

### Relevant significant dates for many Christians:

Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December

Advent Starts – December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024



### Relevant significant dates for many Hindus:

Diwali – 31<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024



## By the end of this unit...

### You will be able to:

Talk about your experiences of candlelight.

Apply the concept of candlelight as a symbol to your own life.

Think about how others may use candlelight as a symbol and to consider if people use candlelight as a symbol in different ways.

Explore the importance and value of candlelight as a symbol for Christians and Hindus.

Discuss and explore why candlelight as a symbol is important to Christians and Hindus in the context of Advent and Diwali.

### Key Vocabulary

symbol candlelight remember  
Christianity Christians God Jesus  
Christmas Advent

Hinduism Hindus Rama Sita Diwali  
Diva Festival

### Key Questions

How do Christians use candlelight during Advent?

What is an Advent ring/wreath?

What do the candles represent?

How do Hindus use candlelight during Diwali?

Why do Hindus celebrate Diwali with Diva lamps?