

Year 2

Religious Education

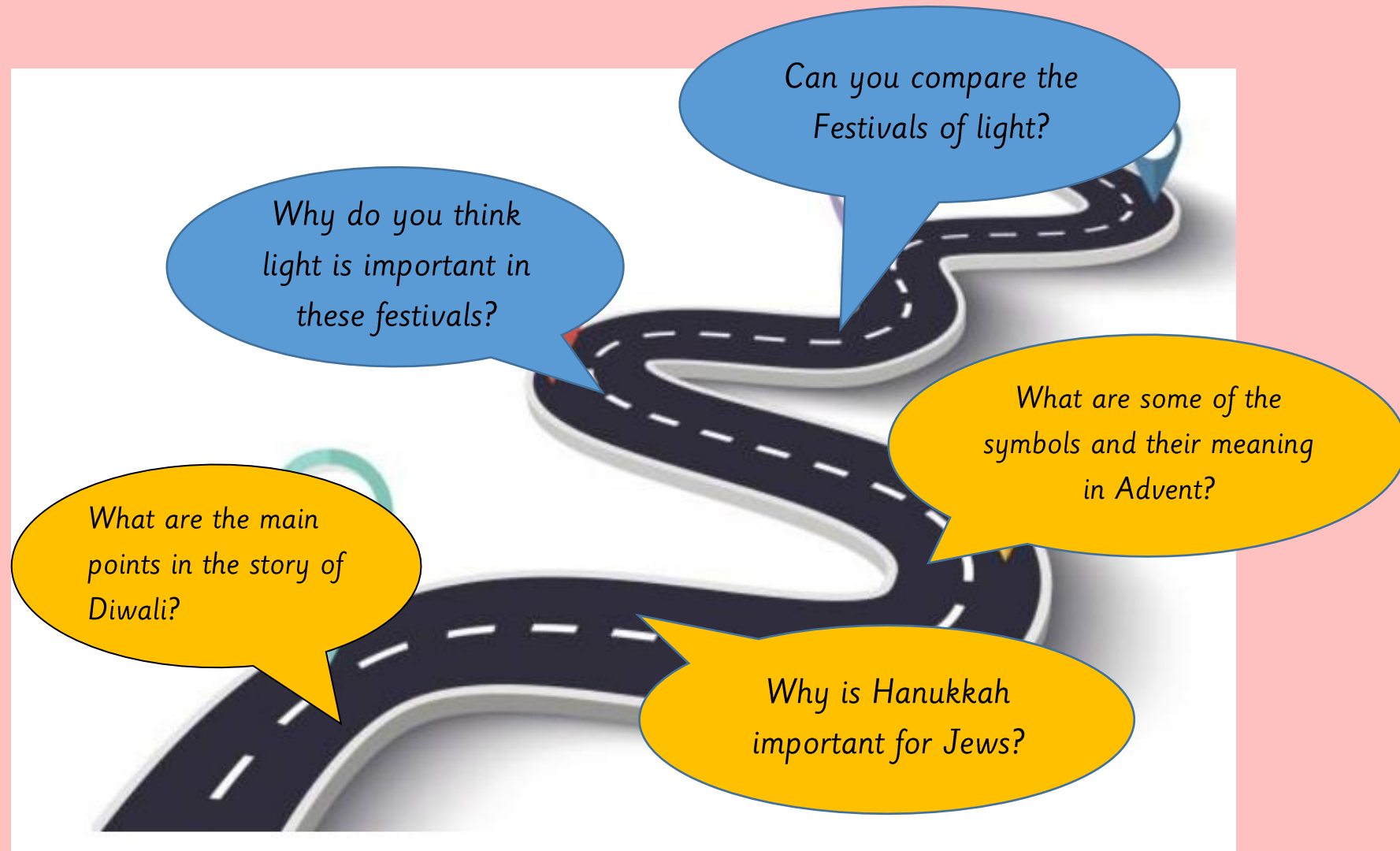


Week 3

Our R.E Learning Journey

Key vocabulary:

- **Diwali**
- **Hanukkah**
- **Advent**
- **Candle**
- **symbol**
- **Hanukkiah**
- **Diya**
- **Miracle**



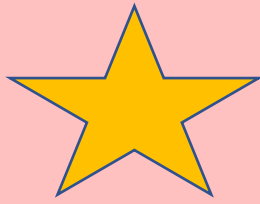
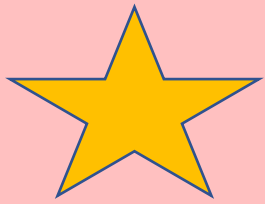


LQ: I can explain some of the symbols and their meaning in Advent?

Steps to Success



- *I can understand why advent is celebrated.*
- *I can explain the significance of light in advent.*
- *I can discuss why light is important.*



Star words

Celebrations



Advent



Hanukkah

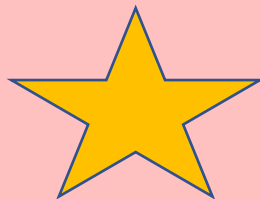
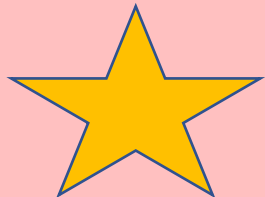
Lights



Christmas



Diwali



Recap on last week's lesson ...



This is what I remember about the symbol of light in Hanukkah...

Can you remember what happened to the oil?

Advent

Today we are going to learn about another festival where light also plays an important role called **Advent**.



What do you already know about the Christian celebration of Advent?

What Is Advent?

Advent is the start of the Christian year.

It is a time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and reflect on his life.

It is also a time for Christians to look forward to a time when Jesus will come again.



LQ: I can explain some of the symbols and their meaning in Advent?

Advent is the four weeks before Christmas.

Advent is a time for Christians to enjoy time with their families and friends.

It starts on the nearest Sunday to the 30th November.

Advent lasts until midnight on Christmas Eve.



How Is Advent Celebrated?

The circle of evergreen branches is a reminder that God does not change.



The candles remind Christians of the light of God.

How Is Advent Celebrated?

Churches display an Advent crown or Advent wreath during Advent.

The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches.

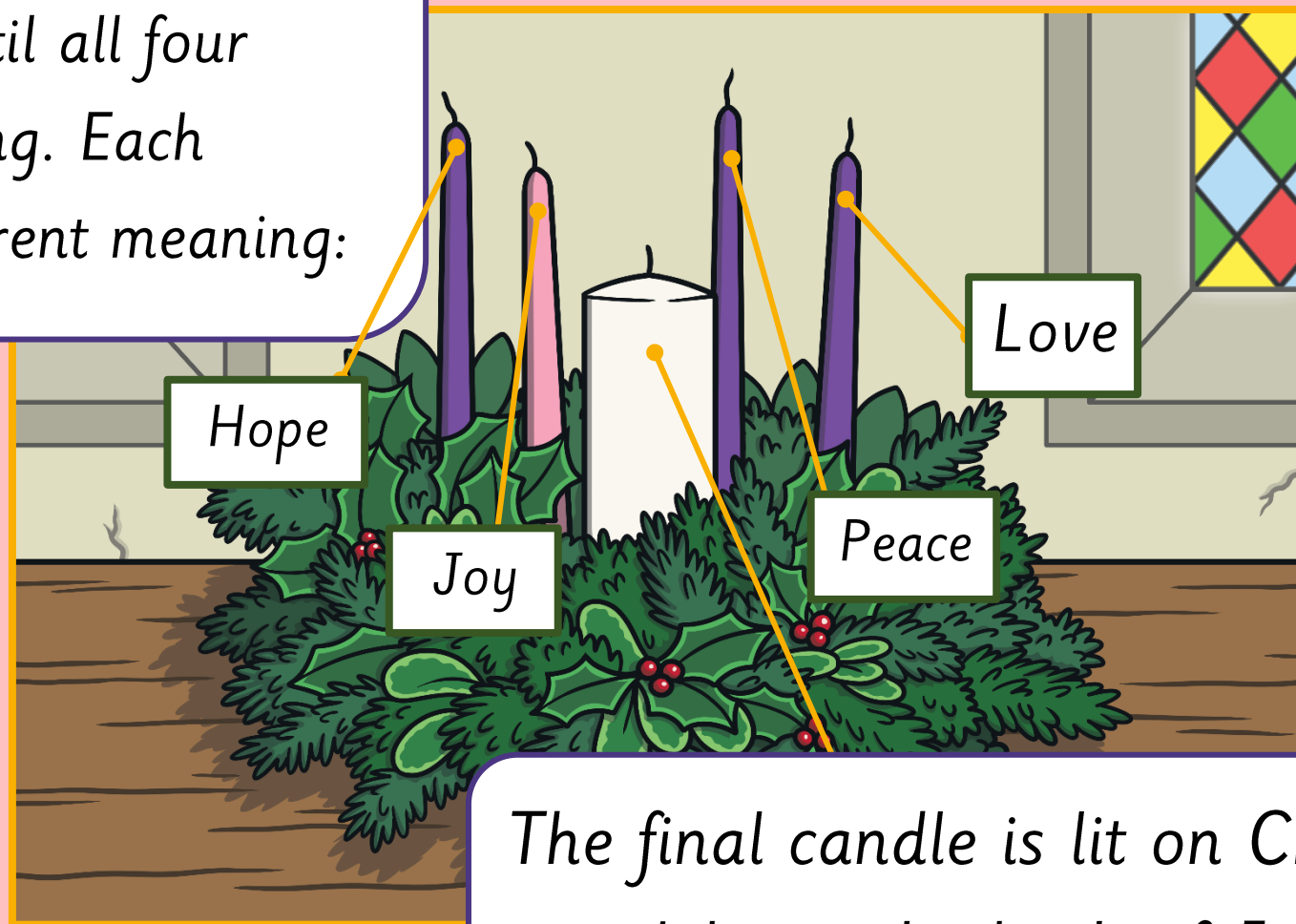
There are four candles standing in the circle. In the centre, there is a fifth candle.

During advent, in some churches there are no flowers.



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A new candle is lit each Sunday during Advent until all four candles are burning. Each candle has a different meaning:



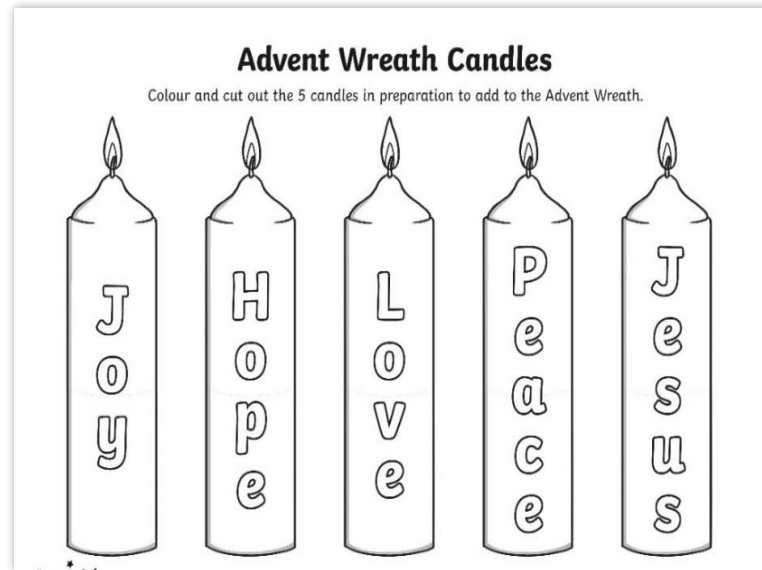
The final candle is lit on Christmas day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Monday 17th November 2025

Task

LQ: Can I explain some of the symbols and their meaning in Advent?

You are going to make your own Advent wreath using paper candles and a green band.



Then, in your books draw and decorate candles to represent Hope, Faith, Joy and Love.

Self Assessment

Do you understand what you are being asked to do?



Plenary

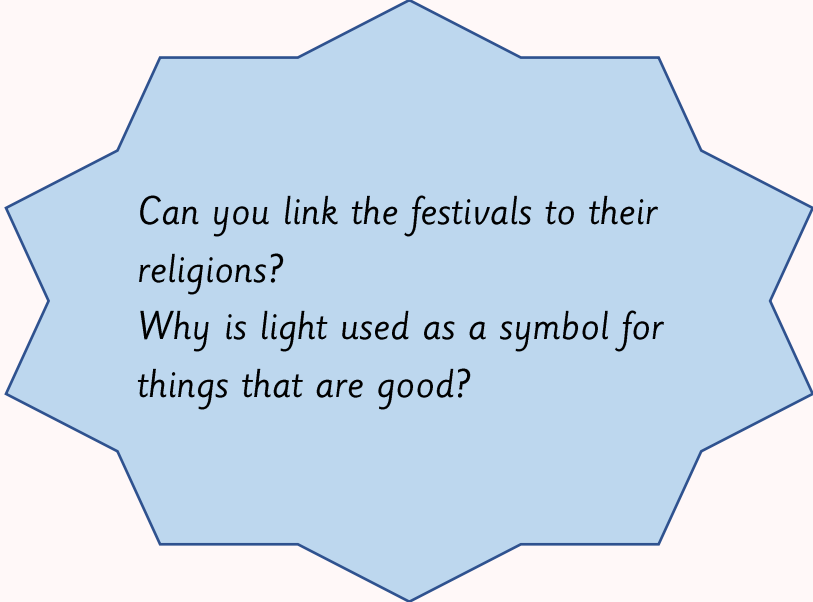
What does the light represent to Christians in Advent?



Assessment

How do we celebrate Good over Evil?

Can you describe a light?



Can you link the festivals to their religions?

Why is light used as a symbol for things that are good?

- Can I identify the lights associated with the different festivals and know some parts of the stories?*
- Can I compare the festivals and describe parts that are the same?*
- Can I explain the use of light as a symbol for good over evil referencing examples from the festivals studied?*