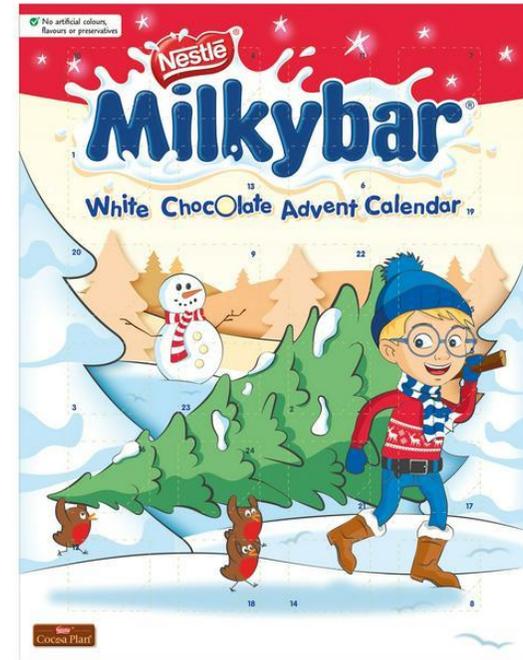


ADVENT



United Nations Rights of the Child: Article 14 – Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion. We have the responsibility to respect the beliefs of others.

What is Advent about for you?



Over the next few weeks in our Acts of Worship we will be thinking about what Advent means to Christians.



In this first week of Advent, we think about how God made a promise to send his Son to Earth to give people hope of a better life.

The first candle in our advent wreath that would have been lit in churches on Sunday is called the Candle of Hope.



As a light shines in the dark and the darkness can not extinguish the light, so the candle of Hope represents the hope we have in Jesus. The Bible tells us that:

‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son’
[John 3:16](#)

Especially during Advent, Christians look forward to Jesus coming to Earth.

Look carefully
at this picture –
what do you
see?

Candles of
Hope

by Afaf
Artmajeur.



Dear God,

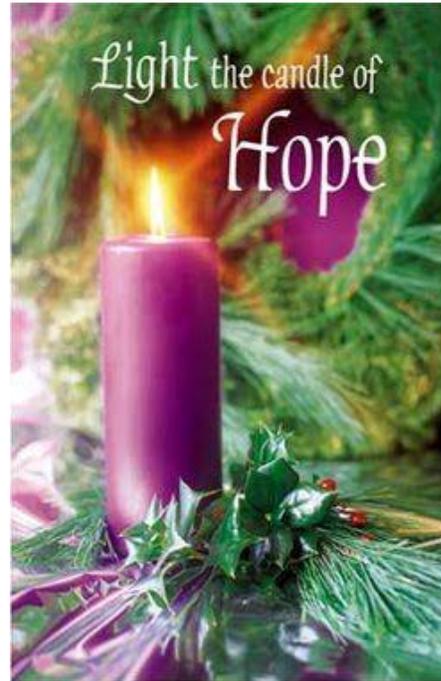
On the first Christmas you gave
the world a gift of hope
wrapped in cloths and lying in a
manger.

Thank You that I can always
hope in You.

In every situation and every
problem that I am going
through.

I trust that you will make things
better in the world and I will
stay hopeful, knowing that you
are there for me today and
always.

Amen.



My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.
The rivers are His, the mountains are His,
The stars are His handiwork too.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.



My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.
He's called you to live, for him ev'ry day,
In all that you say and you do.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing that he cannot do.

