

Prophecy and Promise

What should I already know?	What will I know at the end of the unit?
- Prophets are chosen by God to share His message. - Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be born. - Gabriel told Zechariah that John the Baptist would prepare the way for the Lord. - Gabriel visited Mary, who said “Yes” to being Jesus’ mother. - Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognised Mary as “the Mother of my Lord”. - The <i>Hail Mary</i> prayer remembers Elizabeth’s words. - Mary’s joyful song of praise is called the <i>Magnificat</i>. - Advent is a special time of preparation before Christmas. <i>Las Posadas</i> remembers Mary and Joseph’s search for a place to stay before Jesus was born.	- Sunday is a holy day for Christians because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday. - Catholics gather for Mass to worship God and celebrate the Resurrection. - Mass has two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. - The Liturgy of the Word includes readings from the Bible, the Gospel, the homily, the Creed and prayers of intercession. - Catholics use signs and actions such as the Sign of the Cross, standing, kneeling and singing during Mass. - Angels are God's messengers and they brought messages to Mary and Joseph about Jesus. - Mary and Joseph trusted God and followed His plan for them. - Prophets were inspired by God to share His message with people. - Isaiah prophesied that a child called Immanuel would be born. - Christians believe Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and that Immanuel means "God with us". - Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. - Christians use Advent symbols such as the wreath, candles, purple vestments and the crib to help them prepare for Jesus' birth.
Key Vocabulary and definitions	
Mass - a celebration where Catholics hear God’s Word and receive Holy Communion Sunday – the Christian holy day Liturgy - the public prayer and worship of the Church Eucharist – Holy Communion Participation – taking part Symbol – something that represents an idea or belief Reverence – deep respect Liturgy of the Word – the part of the Mass where people hear God’s Word	Lectionary – the book containing Bible readings for Mass Deacon – a minister who supports the priest Homily – a talk about the Gospel Creed – a statement of Christian beliefs Prayers of Intercession – prayers for others Annunciation – an announcement from God Prophet – a person chosen by God to share His message Prophecy – a message from God about the future Advent – the time before Christmas when we prepare for the birth of Jesus
What Bible stories and other texts will I read?	
The Sabbath is Holy (Genesis 2:2-3)  The Annunciation to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25) 	The Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)  The sign of Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14) 