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Here are some suggestions for things that you could do in school this Advent. We have included some things that families could do at home, if you have to send pupils home during Advent. Many ideas could also be shared with families to continue once school has broken up for the holiday.



- [Barnabas in Schools](#) have an idea for using percussion to explore the idea of waiting for Jesus, the light of the world. This could be a good idea for a performance that doesn't involve singing this year! 
- [Engage Worship](#) have created a set of 24 Tiny Advent Poems, written for adults; some will resonate with children. Free to download files of words and images that express the feeling of anticipation that goes with Advent. They can be used as an Advent calendar or individually. There are lots more engaging ideas, free to download from their website. You could ask older children to create their own 'Tiny Advent Poems' like these.  
- [Advent Family Creative Journal:](#) Also from Engage Worship there are pages to download for free. These encourage children to reflect, write, draw and create on the themes of hope, peace, love and joy for their local community and the world. Some of the pages could be used in school. 
- [Create your own online Advent Calendar:](#) On this website you can upload, text, a picture and a video for each day of Advent. Put the link onto your school website and everyone in your community can enjoy your work.  
- [Advent Colouring Pages:](#) Downloadable colouring pages to buy. Each colouring page corresponds to a different set of characters from the birth story and includes a different name from Isaiah 9:6 (with all of the names being wrapped around the candle in the fifth page)  
- [Messy Church](#) There are 10 suggestions for Messy Church activities based on Isaiah's prophecies about Jesus. Could be a bit different for an Advent Pause afternoon.
- **Advent Books:** In one school in the diocese, the RE leader wraps up 4 of their special nativity books at the start of Advent. They open one each week during collective worship in Advent and read it together.  
- **The Reverse Advent Calendar:** This is a simple idea that contrasts with the advent calendars that are full of goodies. You start with an empty box or basket and each day put in something to give to someone else. Many people fill them with items for their local foodbank, homeless shelter or refuge.  
- **Random Acts of Christmas Kindness:** This is like the 40 Acts of Kindness that many schools do in Lent. There is no official website as such but there are various calendars online. Many are American and the ideas wouldn't work here. So how about getting your pupils to suggest the acts of kindness for each day during Advent? 
- **Advent Window:** How about creating an advent calendar in your window for people walking past your school, changing the picture each day? You could use the themes of hope, peace, love and joy or the names of Jesus from Isaiah. 
- **Advent Angels:** An idea to spread kindness amongst the pupils in the class, or amongst the staff. Details on [our website](#) 
- **Prayer and Reflection Ideas:** We have written some ideas. Details on [our website](#) Lots more ideas on the [Prayer Spaces in Schools website](#) 



Happy Christmas everyone!