

# Lighting of the Candles

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

# Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of  
God the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit to worship together and think  
about our value

**COMPASSION**



# Compassion



Let us love not just with our words but also with our actions and in truth.

**John 3:18**

Those who believe and do good deeds — the Gracious God will create love in their hearts.

(Al Qur'an 19:97)

**COMPASSION**

**'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'**

Colossians 3.12

A graphic with a dark purple background. At the top is a white circular icon containing two hands shaking. Below it, the word "COMPASSION" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. In the center is a photograph of two young children sitting on a blue wooden bench; one child is wearing a white jacket and the other a dark jacket. At the bottom, a white speech bubble contains the quote: "'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'" Below the speech bubble, the text "Colossians 3.12" is written in a small white font.

# Compassion is...

Caring for others

Offering a shoulder to cry on or a listening ear

Making friends happy

Protecting our planet and our future

Always helping others

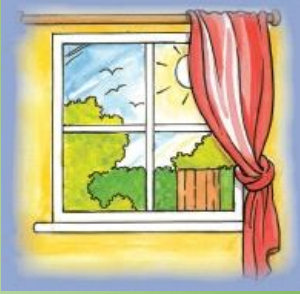
Showing that you care

Sensitive to other's feelings

Including everyone

Open hearted

Noticing other's needs



# Advent

Preparing for the  
coming of Jesus





Wonderful Counsellor



Mighty God



Everlasting Father



Prince of Peace

# Time to Reflect

One of the names given to Jesus is Emmanuel - which means 'God with us'.

Jesus was sent by God to come to us in a most unexpected way

Born to an ordinary mother; in a feeding trough for animals; his birth announced to poor shepherds in the middle of the night

Almighty God sent his son into the world to offer **Love** and **Compassion** to ordinary, everyday people, in ordinary everyday places



# Christmas Prayer

God of compassion, you came among us in a way people didn't expect.

You came to us in Jesus.

God of compassion, you come among us today in ways we don't expect.

You come to us where we are.

Help us to recognise you among us and welcome you afresh this Christmas.

Amen.





**"Let no one ever come to you  
without leaving better and  
happier. Be the living expression  
of God's kindness: kindness in your  
face, kindness in your eyes,  
kindness in your smile."**

*~ Mother Teresa*

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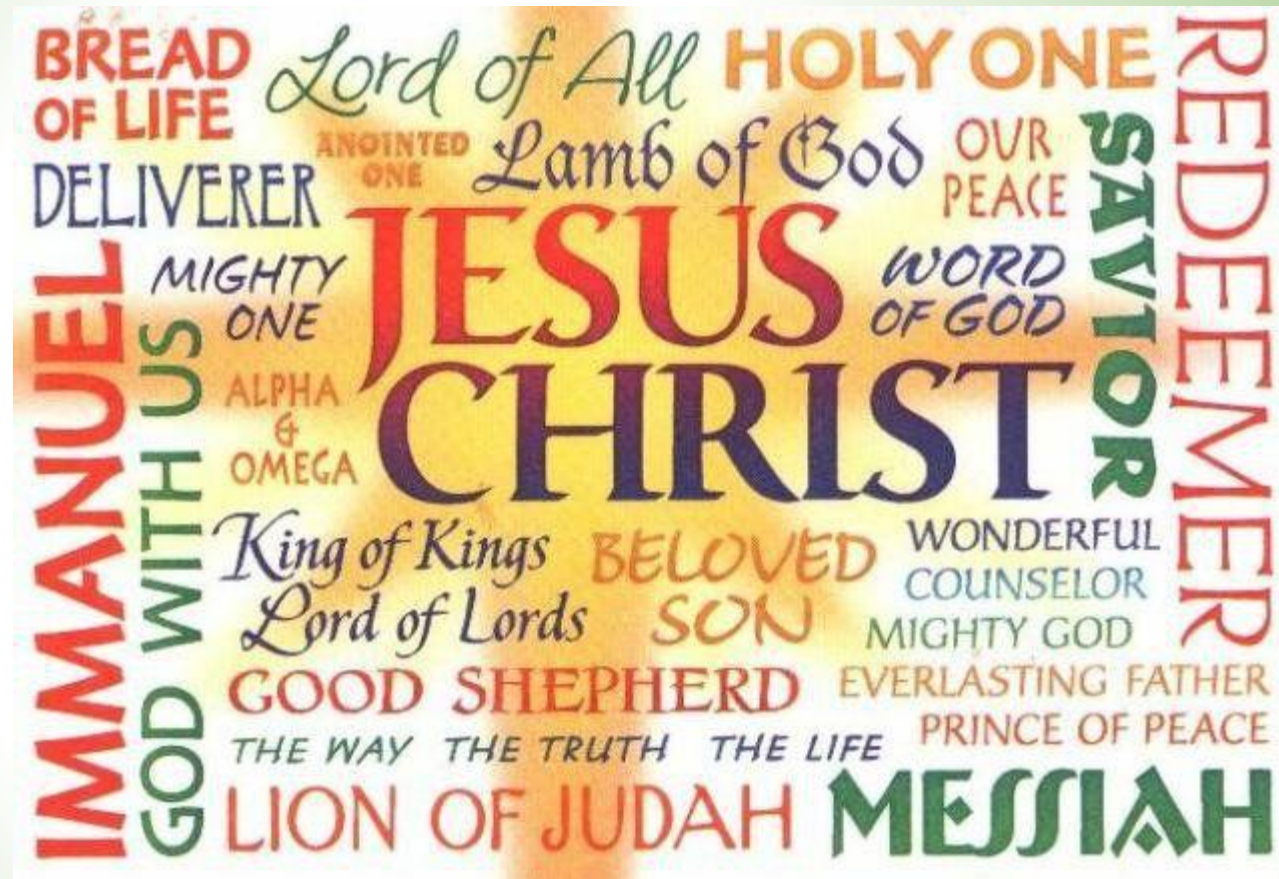
# Prayers

- Dear God.....
- .....Amen

# Response and Challenge

In your class this week, think about the names given to Jesus and see if you can think of any examples of why he would have been called this.

What qualities do you recognise in yourself? Can you create a name for yourself which reflects your particular qualities.



# Blowing out the Candles

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And also with you

**May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ** *(hold out hands to receive)*

**And the love of God** *(cross arms on chest)*

**And the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit** *(hold hands with neighbours)*

**Be with us all, evermore. Amen**  
*(raise hands in the air together)*