

THEME – WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS

Purpose

- to enable the children to explore ways of waiting for Christmas ie the balance between “stillness and busyness”
- to examine the affects of different kinds of Christmas lights on the way we could prepare for Christmas

Resources

- short play script about the environmentally friendly “Light Bulb family“ who discuss waiting for Christmas with their other light friends
- selection of Christmas lights, candle, tree lights, environmentally friendly lights

Activities

Children read play script

Short Quiz re Christmas lights and can they help us both wait and be joyful

Prayer

Silent reflection

A candle is lit (leave silence for stillness to grow) and we ask God to help us to wait for Christmas with a wonderful mixture of joy and stillness.

Father. your son was a gift of light from you because he taught us how to love and care for each other. Let us shine this Christmas for our families sometimes as calm candle lights that watch for those who need kindness and caring and sometimes as bright colourful flashing Christmas tree lights that bring fun and laughter to our family and friends. Help us to know the right time to be calm and waiting and when to be bright and shining.

‘Light Bulb Family’ script

The environmentally friendly light bulb family are waiting as it gets dark one Advent Evening before Christmas.

MAMA BULB

Do you know I really love this time of year?

LITTLE SIS BULB

Yes, it is so exciting!

BIG BRO BULB

Yes and I love seeing our family so happy and listening to all the chat about Nativity plays, stars, kings, angels, carols and singing.

PAPA BULB

Well, yes, but sometimes everyone gets so excited and tired very quickly and then the grumpy times start and the fun stops.

MAMA BULB

Well, I'm glad we are bulbs that may not glow so brightly but we last longer and we are very pretty reliable. I like to think we help to keep things calm.

LITTLE SIS

The candles on the table are a bit like that. They can be so still and gentle and they make me feel warm inside even when I am not on myself. I almost doze off or can concentrate on things I need to do.

BIG BRO

Yes, but I'm so glad that at Christmas we see so many kinds of lights and each of them have a special job to do.

PAPA BULB

I think you may be right. Just imagine what it would be like for the children if they didn't have the multi coloured tree lights or the bright lights in the high street as well as the gentle lights like us. They know all the different lights are part of looking forward to Christmas.

MAMA BULB

Well I can hear Mrs. Handley bringing the children in from school. Time for us all to light up the darkness.

LITTLE SIS

And then it will be the tree lights next flashing like crazy and making everyone feel so happy.

BIG BRO

Then candles for dinner especially on Christmas Day

PAPA BULB

And night lights in children's bedrooms when its time for them to rest. I shall look forward to that!