Day 1  
The Word

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14*

*Welcome to the beginning of Advent, a time when we celebrate Jesus coming into the world.*

There are stacks and stacks of different ways words come to us. I wonder how many you can think of?

TV, social media, phones, overhearing someone talking, songs, podcasts, movies, radio. And of course, teachers up the front of class, friends in the playground and conversations with family and friends.

Do you have a favorite way of hearing words?

God has been using words to communicate with people for a very long time. Thousands of years ago he spoke mainly through prophets. Sometimes he spoke to people in dreams. Occasionally, he spoke so a person could hear his voice directly from heaven. That was special, but it didn’t happen often.

One thing we *do* know from all this, is that God loves to speak, and he loves people to listen to what he says. Why? Why is it important to hear what God says? Because his words tell us what God is like and what is his best way for us to live. That’s why God loves to speak to us.

God had a special plan to tell us about himself in Jesus. Jesus was the very big, important word that God had to say. When Jesus lived, he was like an **‘alive word’** from God. Everything he said and did show us what God was like. It also showed us how to live to please God.

Jesus IS the Word from God who came and lived right here on earth. When we listen to Jesus in the Bible and see how he lived, we hear that **‘alive word’** to us.

I wonder how much you know about Jesus. Perhaps a lot, perhaps not much. Each day in this Advent Calendar we’ll be learning something more. So, keep listening to God’s ‘alive word’, Jesus.