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Key Vocabulary

Covenant	A contract and promise made between a person and God.
Community	A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
Participation	Taking part in something.
Leadership	To lead a group of people toward achieving a common goal.
Anointing	In Israel, priests, kings and prophets were anointed with oil to set them apart as leaders and they were dedicated to God.
Ancestry	A line of descendants.
Psalms	Psalms can be read as prayers. They are meant to be sung as a sacred song or hymn.
Rosary	A prayer of the Catholic Church in honour of Our Lady.
Antiphons	A short sentence sung or said before or after a psalm. It is amusical setting.
O Antiphons	These are said between the 17-23 December. The word 'come' is used in every O antiphon. The O antiphon is read or sung before the Magnificat during evening prayer or before the gospel at Mass.
Vespers	A service of Evening Prayer.
A leader as a shepherd	A style of leadership that focuses on the growth and well-being of people and communities.
A good shepherd	Someone who protects, guides, cares and is ready to help others.

Key People and Scripture

Samuel	He was a faithful servant of God. He anointed the first two kings of Israel – Saul and David.
Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)	God's covenant with Abraham was to give him land for his descendants.
David	He was a shepherd who became king of Israel and Judah.

King David

"Be confident and determined and do what the Lord God orders you to do. Obey all his laws and commands, as written in the laws of Moses, so that wherever you go you may prosper in all you do." (Kings 2:2-4)



O Antiphons

The "O Antiphons" are special prayers that Christians say during the last days of Advent, which is the time when we prepare for Christmas. Each prayer starts with the word "O" and calls Jesus by a different name, showing how people have waited for Him for a long time.

The seven O Antiphons in a simple way to understand them:

1	O Wisdom We ask Jesus, who is full of wisdom, to come and teach us how to live wisely and make good choices.
2	O Lord We remember how Jesus is our Lord, and we ask Him to come and save us like He saved the people of Israel long ago.
3	O Root of Jesse We call Jesus the Root of Jesse because He came from Jesse's family, like a tree grows from its roots. We ask Him to come and rescue us.
4	O Key of David Jesus is like a key that opens doors no one else can. We ask Him to come and free us from anything that holds us back.
5	O Dayspring Jesus is like the light of the sunrise, bringing hope. We ask Him to come and bring light to the world and to our hearts.
6	O King of the Nations Jesus is the King of all people. We ask Him to come and bring peace and unity to everyone.
7	O Emmanuel Emmanuel means "God with us." We ask Jesus to come and be with us as our Savior and guide.