

# Seasons of the church year

**Most people are aware of the four seasons of winter, spring, summer and autumn. But did you know that the church has seasons also?**

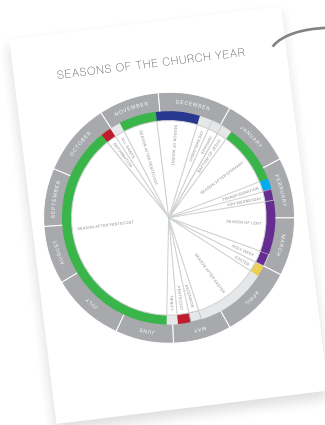
**The church year (also called the liturgical year) is the annual cycle of seasons and days observed in Christian churches.**

The best place to begin understanding the seasons is with Jesus. The Church's seasons largely follow the major events of his life: his birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. Christmas and Easter are the most recognised and foundational celebrations. These two seasons have a season of preparation before them. Advent prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ. It ends with Christmas, with the birth of Jesus. The season of Lent is the preparation season for Easter. Lent reflects on the suffering that Jesus endured during his death on the cross.

Each season also has colours dedicated to it. The basic colours used the most are green (a symbol of growth), purple (a symbol of Jesus' royalty), white (a symbol of purity) and red (a symbol of power).



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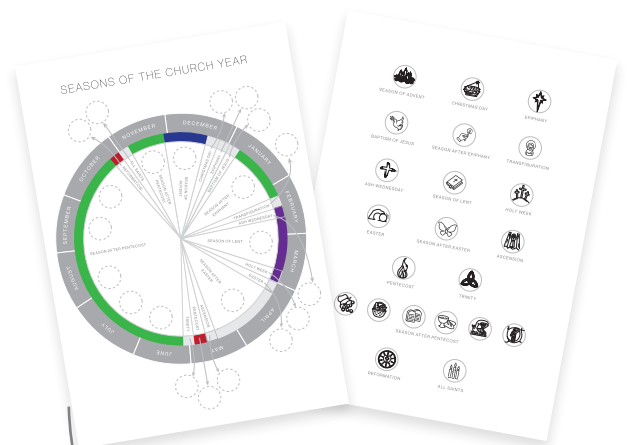


### Seasons of the church year wheel (basic)

This wheel shows the monthly calendar and where the seasons of the church year fall.

### Seasons of the church year (colours)

This explains what colours are used in the church and why they represent each of the seasons.



### Seasons of the church year wheel activity

This wheel shows the seasons of the church year and the coinciding calendar months. There is an activity page of symbols to cut out and paste on the wheel to help understand what each season represents.

We pray that this resource provides your class or small group with a fun and interactive way of understanding the seasons of the church year. Blessings, **The Grow Ministries team**