

Gift of the Nutcracker
Clara: Waiting for Christmas

How does the Nutcracker relate to and inform Advent?

1. Briefly review the story of the Nutcracker Ballet (See: Quick Refresher, Pp 15-17)

- Main Characters

- Synopsis

2. Nutcracker as an allegory: Clara expectations as a guide to Advent.

- A Christmas Tradition? What are our traditions?

- How is 12-year old Clara similar to 12-year old Jesus?

- How does Clara expectation of being at the party turn out?

- What are our expectations of Advent/Christmas as disciples?

- Referring to Isaiah 61:1-2/Luke 4:16-23. How does the OT inform the expectations of the Messiah?

- How does the Christmas Holiday get in the way of Advent?