



Religious Education

Incarnation- Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Background Information

In this Unit we look at the importance of Christmas to Christians. As part of this unit we participate in a KS1 Nativity performance which helps us to learn the story of Christmas. We investigate how Christians might be feeling at this time of year. We also investigate how different people celebrate and why they may celebrate. We will also be looking at what the Gospels are and their significance in the Bible.



In this unit the children will be answering these questions:

- What am I thankful for?
- What does the visit of the angels tell Christians about God?
- What are the Gospels?
- Which part of the Bible is this story located?
- What did the angels tell the Shepherds?
- Why do you think Christians remember this story and celebrate every year?
- Why did King Herod not like that a new King had been born?

By the end of this unit....

All children can:

Give a clear simple account of Jesus' birth.

Recognise that stories of Jesus' life comes from the Gospels.

Most children will:

Give clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.

Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas.

Some children will:

Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.

What does Christmas matter to Christians?



Key Vocabulary

God, Gospel, Jesus, Christmas, Born, King, Thankful, Hopeful.