

Outcomes:

By the end of this unit all pupils should know:

- Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.
- The Bible points out that his birth showed that he was extraordinary (for example, he is worshipped as a king, in Matthew) and that he came to bring good news (for example, to the poor, in Luke).
- Christians celebrate Jesus' birth; Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.
- Jesus was born among poor and marginalised people

By the end of this unit pupils should have developed the following skills:

- Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.
- Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels.
- Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.
- Decide what they personally have to be thankful for at Christmas time.

Progression:

Prior Learning: FS

- Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus.
- Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God.
- To know that we were all babies
- To know that Jesus' birth was special for Christians
- To know that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- To know that the three wise men gave gifts to baby Jesus and that Jesus was a gift to us all from God
- To know that Carols are a way that Christians celebrate Christmas.
- To know that everyone celebrates Christmas in different ways and are important to them.
- To know why Christians celebrate Christmas and why

Building Towards: YEAR 2

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- Recognise that Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story' of the Bible.
- Tell the story of the birth of Jesus and recognise the link with Incarnation — Jesus is 'God on Earth'.
- Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians use the nativity story in churches and at home; for example, using nativity scenes and carols to celebrate Jesus' birth.
- Think, talk and ask questions about the Christmas story and the lessons they might learn from it: for example, about being kind and generous.

Vocabulary

Christian, Bible, New Testament, Incarnation, Nativity, Carols, Wise men, Shepherds, Angels

Assessment Opportunities:

By the end of this unit pupils should have had these opportunities:

Questions

Vocabulary check

AMV/UC Assessment Grid