



Religious Education – World Religion – Christianity

Key Concept: Incarnation - We are learning about the true meaning of Christmas is to Christians and comparing this with what Christmas means to us **Key Question:** Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

Our questions:



In Year 2, we learnt these words

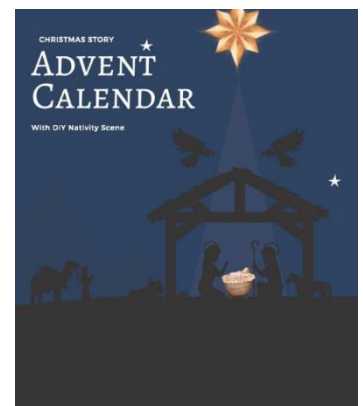
This term, we will be learning this key vocabulary

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Incarnation	'in the flesh'
Wise Men	Men of great learning.
Kingship	Being a king.
Gold	A yellow precious metal.
Frankincense	A scented resin used in incense and perfume.
Myrrh	Natural resin used as perfume, incense, and medicine.
Carol	A religious song or popular hymn, particularly one linked to Christmas.
Magi	Another word for 'Wise Men.'
Messiah	'Anointed one'. This is a title given to the person believed to be the saviour. Christians believe that the Messiah was sent by God to save humans.
Worship	Love and devotion shown to a holy being or an object.
King Herod	A king of Judea.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Incarnation	The Christian belief that God took human form by becoming Jesus.
Gospel	'Good news.' In Christianity, "good news" refers to the story of Jesus Christ's birth, death, and resurrection.
Carol	A religious song or hymn, usually associated with Christmas.

Advent

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar. It means 'coming' and it's the period before Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus.



What? (Key Knowledge)

Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.



Christians believe Jesus was God on earth.

Christmas is a time for giving – the wise men gave presents when Jesus was first born.



What? (Key Knowledge)

At Christmas we celebrate that God came to earth as a baby and lived among us (the people at that time) and was present in human form, the incarnation of God as a man.

Christians find that understanding God is challenging: people spend their whole lives learning more and more about God.

Links to other religions

Chanukkah (Judaism) Both are winter festivals, celebrated by retelling the story and giving gifts, special foods and customs, and remember God giving gifts to his people.

Jesus (Judaism) Jews do not believe Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus (Islam) Muslims believe Jesus is a messenger of Allah (God). They do not believe Jesus is the Son of God.