

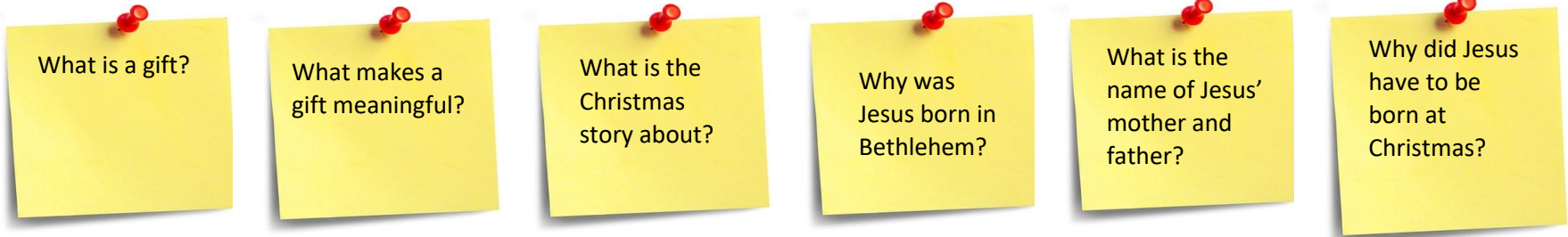
# Religious Education – World Religion – Christianity

Questions we have previously explored in Year 1:

Does God want Christians to look after the world?

Our new key question: **What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here instead of in Bethlehem?**

Learning Objective: We are learning to reflect on the Christmas story and decide what gifts would be meaningful for Jesus.



What is a gift?

What makes a gift meaningful?


What is the Christmas story about?

Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem?

What is the name of Jesus' mother and father?

Why did Jesus have to be born at Christmas?

## Gifts and Giving Year 1

Key Vocabulary		The Nativity Story	
<b>Christmas</b>	Christmas is the time when many Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the son of God.	The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus and that he would be God's son. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Mary rode on a donkey.	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Christmas Day is celebrated by many Christians all over the world on 25th December every year. It is a special holiday when most offices, shops and all schools are closed.	A kind innkeeper in Bethlehem let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable for the night and Jesus was born there.	
<b>Nativity</b>	A play that tells of the story of the birth of Jesus.	An angel appeared to some shepherds and told them that the son of God had been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds walked to Bethlehem to visit the baby Jesus. Three wise men saw a star in the sky and knew that it meant a king had been born. They followed the star. They went past the palace of King Herod who asked the men to tell him where the baby was. The wise men found baby Jesus but they received a message from God warning them not to tell Herod so they didn't.	

### Christmas Traditions

The story of the birth of Jesus is very important to many Christians. Many believe he was a gift from God.

People celebrate **Christmas** in lots of different ways and these include acting out a **nativity**, carol singing, putting up and decorating **Christmas** trees and hanging wreaths. Many families get together for a special meal on **Christmas Day**.

Many Christians give gifts at **Christmas** to show their love for one another. After his birth, the Three Wise Men gave Jesus special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were the kinds of gifts given to kings in the ancient world. They were very valuable and were probably the first **Christmas** presents.

