

Religious Education – World Religion – Christianity

Key Concept: Incarnation

Key Theme - Christmas - Jesus as a gift from God

Key Question: Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

In Year 1, we learnt these words

This term, we will be learning this key vocabulary

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Jesus	Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God.
God	Christians believe God is the creator of the universe.
Bethlehem	A small town in Jerusalem where Jesus was born.
Bible	A book of holy writings accepted by Christians as coming from God.
Christian	Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus.
Advent	The arrival of something or someone.
Mary/Joseph	Jesus' mother / Mary's husband
Nazareth	A city in Israel where Jesus lived.
Stable	A building where animals were kept.
Manger	A long trough from which horses or cattle feed.
Shepherds	A person who herds, tends, and guards sheep.
Angels	A spiritual being serving God especially as a messenger.
Census	An official count of the people who live in a country or other area.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Incarnation	'in the flesh'

Advent

Advent is the time when Christians prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas.

Churches often display an Advent wreath during Advent. There are four candles standing in the circle. In the centre there is a fifth candle. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It shows that Jesus is the light of the world.

In school, we have an advent wreath. We have 3 purple candles representing hope, peace and joy. We have a pink candle, representing love, and a white candle representing Jesus the light of the world.



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.



Bible Link - Gospel of Matthew

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Wise Men came looking for the King of the Jews. When King Herod heard this, he was worried. King Herod sent the Wise Men to find the child so that he could worship him. The Wise Men followed the star until they found Jesus. They bowed down and worshiped him; giving him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod.

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.