



Subject: RE

Year group: Reception

Term: Autumn 2

Unit name: F2 Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

Big Ideas

What Christians believe about Jesus.

That Jesus is God in the flesh.

Incarnation - What makes every person unique and special?

Spirituality

The spirit of Christmas is in the 'togetherness.'

Prior learning

What Christians believe about God and creation.

In the light of these beliefs, Christians try to live in the ways God shows through the bible.

Key Aspects covered

In this unit of RE work children will know that:

- Stories teach us about the adult Jesus. For example, the feeding of the five thousand.
- Jesus' birth is announced.
- **Jesus is born in Bethlehem.**
- Shepherds and magi (wise men) visit Jesus.
- No one has ever seen God because God is spirit but Jesus makes him known.

Knowledge expectations

Christians believe that God came to earth as Jesus Christ called the 'Son of God', born of the Virgin Mary and fathered by God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was 'God in the flesh', i.e. 'incarnate', a real human being and a historical person.

People are God's treasured possessions, each known even before they were born.

Jesus shows what God is like: the Bible says he is the image of the invisible God.

All humans are made in 'God's image', but the image is spoilt by things we do wrong. Jesus embodies what humans should be like, a bit like re-drawing what has been spoilt.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYNjtOCcROM>

We are precious to God, known and loved by God.

Jesus came as 'Emmanuel' (God with us). He wants his followers to be like him and show (incarnate) God's love to the world. His followers can be God's hands and feet in the world.

Key vocabulary

Christians

God

Jesus

Incarnation

Special

Believe

Son of God

Power

Holy Spirit

Incarnate

Bethlehem

Shepherds

Wise Men (Magi)

Spirit