



Subject: RE

Year group: Year 1

Term: Autumn 2

Unit name: 1.3 Why does
Christmas matter to Christians?

Big Ideas

Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story' of the Bible.

The story of Jesus' birth is important for Christians to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.

Spirituality

The spirit of Christmas is in the 'togetherness.'

Prior learning

Christians believe in God, and that they find out about God in the Bible.

Christians believe God is loving, kind, fair and forgiving, and also Lord and King.

Some stories show Christian beliefs.

Key vocabulary

Christians

God

Jesus

Christmas

Bethlehem

Birth

Good news

Advent

Jesus' coming

Gospels

Incarnation

The fall

Sin

Abraham

Key Aspects covered

In this unit of RE work children will know that:

- The birth of Jesus is recorded in two of the Gospels — Matthew and Luke.
- With 'the Fall', sin enters the world and remains in it. God therefore carries out a 'rescue mission' for humanity to help save people from their sin.
- The story of Abraham displays the relationship between God and People in the Old Testament.
- God's rescue plan starts with the birth of Jesus and by coming to Earth as Jesus, God is able to show and tell people how they should be living, and demonstrate what it is like to have a close relationship with the Father.
- Jesus in the 'big story' of God's relationship with humans is the saviour and rescuer.

Knowledge expectations

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.

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