



Subject: RE

Year group: Year 2

Term: Autumn 2

Unit name: 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Digging Deeper)

#### Big Ideas

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

Incarnation — Jesus is 'God on Earth' and his birth link.

Christians use the nativity story in churches and at home to celebrate Jesus' birth.

The Christmas story can show us how to be kind.

#### Spirituality

The spirit of Christmas is in the 'togetherness.'

#### Prior learning

Christians believe that God created the universe.

The Earth and everything in it are important to God.

God has a unique relationship with human beings as their Creator and Sustainer.

Humans should care for the world because it belongs to God.

#### 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 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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#### Key vocabulary

Christians  
God  
Jesus  
Christmas  
Bethlehem  
Birth  
Good news  
Advent  
Gospels  
Incarnation  
The fall  
Sin

#### 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.