

Knowledge Organiser

**Year: 2      Subject: RE      Unit: What does the nativity story teach Christians about Jesus?**

**Overview:**

During this sequence of learning, pupils will explore the meaning behind Christmas to Christians and will study the birth of Jesus.

**What should I already know?**

**Christianity**

- Advent is the time when Christians remember the time that Jesus came into the world in Palestine 2000 years ago. During Advent, Christians prepare for the celebration of the arrival of Jesus by buying gifts, decorating houses, singing carols and preparing for a feast. Advent is a time to celebrate light amidst darkness.
- Candles at Advent and Christmas symbolises the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus.

**What will I know by the end of the unit?**

**Christianity**

- Christmas is a Christian holy day that marks the birth of Jesus, the son of God.
- Christmas is important to many Christians because: -
  - it reminds them that: Jesus, (the Son of God) was born.
  - Christians believe that Jesus was sent by God to tell people what God was like.
  - That Jesus would show people how God wanted them to live.
  - That Jesus would be a 'guiding light'.
- From the nativity story, Christians learn that: -
  - Jesus was humble
  - All things are possible with God
  - God makes it simple to believe in Him
  - Jesus's birth changed the world
  - God's plans don't always lead to easy journeys
  - Jesus brings hope to the world.
  - God's presence gives joy to his followers.
  - God came to his followers out of love.



**Vocabulary:**

Christianity/  
Christians

Followers of a religion.

Gods -God,

Christians believe in God. God is also called the Holy Spirit.

Jesus

God spoke to Jesus - the saviour of Christianity who was born on Christmas Day.

Messiah

A leader of hope.

Virgin Mary

The Mother of Jesus.

Joseph

The Father of Jesus.

Shepherds

A person who herds and watches over sheep.



Bible

Christian Holy Book.

Bethlehem

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in a city called Jerusalem.

Church

A Holy building where Christians worship.



Worship

Christians worship by praying and showing love to God.

Prophecy

The act of seeing into the future.

Faith

Belief or trust in something that has never been proved.

	Saviour	Someone who rescues or saves people from danger.
	Incense	A substance that has a pleasant smell when burned.
	Myrrh	A sweet-smelling gum that is used in perfume.