

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 5



Incarnation

Was Jesus the Messiah?

Key Vocabulary

messiah	A saviour who will come and rescue God's people.
Christ	A Greek word that means the same as Messiah.
prophecy	Writings about what might happen in the future
Isaiah	A prophet in the Old Testament
Micah	Another prophet in the Old Testament
Israel	The country where God's people lived as their own nation.
Israelites	God's people who lived in Israel
Jews	Another name for God's people but not linked to where they live.
empire	Countries ruled by one ruling country.
conquer	Take over and rule another country
Immanuel	Means 'God with Us'.

Key Questions & Golden Nuggets

<p>How does John describe the incarnation of Jesus? John writes about the 'Word' becoming flesh. Christians believe that the 'Word' is Jesus and that he put on flesh and became a person. John also describes him as being a 'light' to the a world in darkness.</p>
<p>What was the situation for God's people at the end of the Old Testament? The People of God were taken into exile. They return after about 50 years, but their Promised Land is still occupied by foreign forces. They begin to have a New Hope — God will send a Chosen One or Messiah. This is the situation when the Old Testament ends.</p>
<p>What prophecies are there in the Old Testament about the Messiah? Many prophecies are found in the Old Testament about what the messiah would be like. Many of these were written by the prophet Isaiah and are found in the book called Isaiah.</p>
<p>What do Christians believe about the Messiah? Christians believe that Jesus fulfils all of these prophecies and that is, therefore, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for.</p>
<p>Why do Christians celebrate Christmas? Christians believe that the true meaning of Christmas isn't turkey, tinsel and TV. Christians celebrate Christmas because they believe Jesus was, and still is, the Messiah who has saved his people from sin. Jesus' incarnation had a purpose and this purpose is celebrated.</p>
<p>Are beliefs about the Messiah still relevant today? Christians believe that the message Jesus brought is still relevant today and that the world is still in need of a rescuer. Jewish people are still waiting for the Messiah to come.</p>

Big Story of the Bible

Creation	God creates a perfect world where he is in a perfect relationship with humanity.
The Fall	Adam and Eve don't follow God's rules and they spoil their friendship with God. This story is also found in Genesis.
Patriarchs	Several men in one family line lead God's people. The family end up in Egypt and become slaves to the Egyptians.
Exodus	Moses becomes the leader of God's people and helps them escape from slavery in Egypt.
Conquest	God's people conquer the Promised Land called Israel and have a home and nation of their own. The people are called 'Israelites' or sometimes 'Jews'.
Judges	God appoints judges to lead His people.
Kings and Prophets	God's people aren't happy with having Judges and ask for a King like the other countries. God lets them have a king. God wants to fix his friendship with humans so he asks prophets to tell the people the right thing to do. People continue to disobey. The Israelites go through phases of good and bad leadership from their Kings. The Kingdom of Israel is then conquered by different empires.
Silence	Prophets foretell of a coming king who will rescue the Israelites from being under the rule of other kingdoms. There is a period where nothing new is heard from God and the people wait for hundreds of years for this coming Messiah who will come to save them.
Incarnation	God's people still aren't doing the right thing so God comes as Jesus to make it better for them. God the Son is incarnated and lives on Earth as a human! Some people believe that Jesus is the Messiah they have been waiting for to rescue them. Many of the people don't understand that Jesus was going to be 'King of their hearts' rather than a military ruler and King of a country. They are angry when Jesus doesn't make plans to overthrow the Romans who are currently ruling them.
Salvation	Jesus dies on the cross as a punishment for everything his people do wrong. His people can be friends with God again now that Jesus has brought them 'Salvation'.
Kingdom of God	Jesus' friends and followers tell the world about the Good News of Jesus. Jesus goes to heaven but sends the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and guide them.
New creation	Christians believe that Jesus will come again and bring a new heaven and earth where everything will be perfect again. This is in the book of Revelation.

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When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he rode in on a donkey. This satisfied the prophecies about the coming Messiah but also tells us something about Jesus' character. A military leader would have arrived on a horse but Jesus chose to ride a lowly donkey instead.

The End of the Old Testament.
What's the situation?

Key Verses of Prophecy from the Old Testament about the coming Messiah

The People of God were taken into exile in Babylon in 586BCE. They return after about 50 years, but their Promised Land is still occupied by foreign forces. They begin to have a New Hope — God will rescue them! He will send a rescuer, a saviour — a Chosen One or Messiah. This is the situation when the Old Testament ends. However, the land remains occupied by different forces — at the start of the New Testament, this is by the beastly Romans. The people have been waiting a long time — and some are despairing, but some still hope.

Micah 5 v 2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Jesus was born in Bethlehem after Mary and Joseph travelled there for the census.

Isaiah 7 v 14 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Jesus' birth was a miracle. 'Immanuel' means 'God with Us'. Christians believe Jesus was God incarnate on Earth.

Isaiah 9 v 6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Christians believe Jesus is a wonderful counsellor, that he is Mighty God incarnate, he is their Everlasting Father born in the flesh and has brought peace to their lives.

Isaiah 11 v 1-5 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Jesus is documented as having been from 'the line Jesse'. Some of the gospels open with a list of ancestors to show Jesus is part of this family of Jewish kings. These verses suggest the Messiah will use words and goodness to rule.