

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 2



Incarnation

Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Key Vocabulary

Christianity	A religion.
Christian	Someone who believes in Christianity.
God	Christians believe God has 3 parts but there is only one God.
Jesus	One of the three parts of God. Christians believe Jesus is God's son.
incarnation	When Jesus came down to Earth and became a human.
Christmas	A festival where Christians remember and celebrate Jesus being born.
salvation	Jesus saves Christians from their sin.

Key Questions and Golden Nuggets

<p>What is incarnation? Christians believe that Jesus is God and that God put on skin and was born as a baby in Bethlehem. This is called incarnation.</p>
<p>Where does 'Incarnation' fit into the Big Story of the Bible? See Big Story of the Bible. God's people still aren't doing the right thing so God comes as Jesus to make it better for them. God becomes a person!</p>
<p>What happens in the Nativity and what does this teach Christians about who Jesus is? First, the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell she would have a special baby. Then, Mary and Joseph went on a journey to Bethlehem. After that, Jesus was born and placed in a manger. A little later, angels visited shepherds in the fields to tell them the good news. Then, the shepherds went to visit the baby. Much later, Wise Men followed a star to find Jesus. Christians believe that Jesus is God born as a human and that he was both fully God and fully human.</p>
<p>Why do Christians have Nativity scenes and what do they show us? Nativity scenes help Christians to celebrate God becoming a person and being born as baby Jesus. Nativity scenes show the lowly conditions Jesus was born in and remind Christians of the different people who thought Jesus was important enough to come to visit.</p>
<p>What lessons might Christians learn from the Christmas story? The Christmas story shows Christians how God gave up everything to be born in a lowly stable. It teaches Christians the importance of being generous to others. It reminds Christians that Jesus came to love both rich people like the Wise Men and poor people like the shepherds.</p>

Big Story of the Bible

Creation	The Fall	Kings	Prophets	Incarnation	Salvation	Kingdom of God	New creation
<p>God creates the world in 6 days and then on Day 7 he has a rest. God says that his world is 'good'.</p>	<p>Adam and Eve don't follow God's rules and they spoil their friendship with God.</p>	<p>God's people aren't very happy and ask for a King like the other countries. God lets them have a king.</p>	<p>God wants to fix his friendship with humans so he asks prophets to tell the people and the King the right thing to do.</p>	<p>God's people still aren't doing the right thing so God comes as Jesus to make it better for them. God becomes a person!</p>	<p>Jesus dies on the cross as a punishment for everything his people do wrong. His people can be friends with God again.</p>	<p>After Jesus goes to heaven, his friends and followers tell the world about the Good News of Jesus.</p>	<p>Christians believe that Jesus will come again and bring a new heaven and earth where everything will be perfect again.</p>

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Jesus' Mother	Jesus' Father	The special baby	Men who looked after sheep	God's messengers	Men who watched the stars	The place where Mary and Joseph lived.	The place where Jesus was born.	The man who found a room for Mary and Joseph.

Old Testament	New Testament	The Nativity	
		Can you re-tell the Nativity in the correct order?	
<p>The Old Testament includes stories of how God created the world and how everything went wrong afterwards. The Old Testament is the story of God's people trying to become friends with God again by following rules. There are lots of stories of people breaking the rules and being reminded to say sorry and try again. The Old Testament ends with God's people waiting for a special king to come and rescue them.</p>	<p>The New Testament tells the story of Jesus and his friends and followers. Christians believe that Jesus was the special king that God's people had been waiting for. Incarnation is the word we use to describe God putting on skin and bones and coming down to Earth to live as a person. In the New Testament there are 4 little books called Gospels. These 4 Gospels were written by Jesus' friends and they tell the story of Jesus' life.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
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