

Unit 1.3 Incarnation



Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Key word	Definition
Bible	The Christian holy book. It is separated into the Old and the New Testament.
Christian	A follower of Christianity.
Gospels	Four books of the Bible found at the start of the New Testament that tell the stories of Jesus' life.
Incarnation	God appears in a human form.
Jesus	Christians believe he is God and man, and the King of the whole world.
Christmas	The celebration of Jesus being born.
Nativity	The birth of Jesus.
Advent	Four weeks leading up to Christmas, when Christians get ready for celebrating Jesus' arrival.
Carols	Songs sung at Christmas, which are about Jesus' birth.



Learning outcomes:

(Italics is 'digging deeper' outcomes for Year 2)

- Recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels.
- Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians.
- Recognise that Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story' of the Bible.
- Tell the story of the birth of Jesus and recognise the link with Incarnation — Jesus is 'God on Earth'.
- Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the Nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas.
- Give at least two examples of ways in which Christians use the nativity story in churches and at home; for example, using nativity scenes and carols to celebrate Jesus' birth.
- Think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not.
- Decide what they personally have to be thankful for, giving a reason for their ideas.
- Think, talk and ask questions about the Christmas story and the lessons they might learn from it: for example, about being kind and generous.