

RE Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Prior Learning

Christians believe Jesus is an amazing person who did good and miraculous things

To know the story of the nativity including shepherds, wise men and the journey to Bethlehem by the holy family.

Can join in with some Christmas carols

Concepts

Religion – A belief in God or Gods and the activities linked with the particular faith, eg prayer or going to a place of worship. Some of the main religions we study are Islaam, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism and Humanism.

Reflection – serious thought or consideration

Key Vocabulary

incarnation

The belief that God became flesh and came down to earth as baby Jesus.

Holy family

Mary, Joseph and Jesus

Nativity scene

A representation of Jesus' birth.

Advent

Means 'coming' and is the lead up to Christmas – Christians think of it as Jesus is coming to Earth.

Thankfulness

To be aware of all the good things you have

Key Facts

Jesus was very important to Christians because they believe him to be God on Earth.

Christians believe it is important to give to all people at Christmas, especially those who are poor or less fortunate. Not just because it is a good this to do, but because it is what Jesus would have done.

Images, icons and maps.

The Mystic Nativity by Botticelli.

This painting has many parts to it showing the baby Jesus is very important.



Nativity scenes vary from country to country, but there are some main parts that are always the same.