



Year 5 Religious Education: Christmas

Is the Christmas story true?

Key Vocabulary	
Advent	The season leading up to Christmas; includes the four Sundays before Christmas Day.
Christmas Eve	The last day of Advent.
Christmas Day	25 th December – marks the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.
Incarnation	The Christian belief that God took human form in Jesus Christ.
Gospels	The teachings of Jesus in the Bible, written by Matthew, Mark Luke and John.
Messiah	The Messiah is the one believed to be sent by God to be humanity's saviour. Christians believe this person to be Jesus.
Holy Bible	Holy book of the Christians. Split into two sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament.
Shepherds	Luke tells how shepherds were led to Jesus by an angel.
Wise men	In Matthew's account, wise men followed a star that led them to Jesus and they presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Sticky Knowledge	Key Skills
<p>There are different accounts of the Christmas story in the Bible.</p> <p>The exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown.</p> <p>Christians believe that God gave Jesus to the Earth to show people how to lead good lives, forgive them for the things they do wrong and prove to them (through his resurrection) that there is life after death.</p> <p>Truth can be historical, scientific or personal (belief).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can explain the Christian belief that Jesus was the Incarnation of God.• I can evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story.• I can explain how 'true' could mean different things to different people, and how stories can be 'true' in different ways.• I can express an opinion on whether the Christmas story is true and what this might mean to Christians.

