Year 6 Religious Education: Christmas
How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?

Key Vocabulary

New Testament	The second part of the two main parts of the Bible, containing the books written after the birth of Jesus Christ.
incarnation	This literally means "to become flesh" or "to be given a body" and for Christians it describes what happened when God was born as a human being called Jesus.
miracle	An extraordinary event believed to have been caused by God or other supernatural forces.
Holy Spirit	Christians believe the Holy Spirit is the part of God who is here on Earth.
Virgin Birth	The idea that Jesus Christ had no human father but was conceived solely by the direct intervention of the Holy Spirit so that Mary remained miraculously a virgin during and after his birth.

Key Skills

- Explain the qualities needed in different people.
- Make links between the Virgin Birth and Christian beliefs about Jesus.
- Start to consider my own response to the Christian belief in the Virgin birth, showing respect to Christian views.

Sticky Knowledge

Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother.

Mary was young, pure, a virgin and an ordinary girl

An angel visits Mary and says she is highly favoured and will give birth to a son - Jesus.

Joseph thought Mary had betrayed him and was going to break off their engagement. After the angel had visited Joseph he realised that 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit' - that God had put the baby inside her.

If Jesus had been sent to Earth in a different way, He would not have been 'God and man' . He would have just been God as He wouldn't have taken on a human body (through birth).

Christians believe that Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.

The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' - a messiah. Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah. Christians see Jesus as their Saviour; he was sent by God to save humanity from the consequences of its sins - the bad things humanity had chosen to do which had separated them from God.