

Thorpepark Academy

Religion, Belief and Values



Year Group: 1 Term: Autumn 2	Unit Year 1 Christmas Theme: Christmas Concept: incarnation, gospel	Worldview: Christianity, personal view,
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Key Question: Why is Christmas special? (Stories and celebrations)

About this unit:

This is a supplementary unit designed to help teachers ensure progression when exploring the festival of Christmas across Key Stage 1. It may be useful to consider festivals of light from other faiths alongside Christmas. This unit builds on learning in the Foundation Stage

Links to British Values

Democracy ✓	Rule of Law ✓	Individual Liberty ✓	Mutual Respect ✓	Tolerance of people of different faiths and beliefs ✓
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Links to SMSC

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Hull and East Riding Agreed Syllabus

Related e d of Key Stage 1 expectations pupils should be able to...

Exploring	Learning outcomes by the end
Social Sciences-Which festivals are important to faith members?	name some religious festivals and say how faith members celebrate them describe and explain some traditions linked to religious festivals
Theology- What stories are told at different religious festivals?	suggest reasons why festivals are important talk about how stories are celebrated at different religious festivals

Skills

Social sciences Find out about Talk about ideas Respond to questions	Theology Talk about Notice details
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Prior Learning	Future Learning
In EYFS children learnt about Christmas and why we celebrate this. Children also looked at Special Books in EYFS and what we can learn from these.	In Year 2 children will dive deeper into how Christmas is special.

Sticky Knowledge	Key vocabulary
Christmas is the good news story for Christians because Jesus was born Christians prepare for Christmas by lighting candles on the advent wreath	Advent, nativity, festival, celebration

Christians celebrate Christmas in many ways such as going to church and displaying a nativity scene
 Christmas is important to Christians because it is the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Resources

	LO	Lesson outline
Lesson 1	<p>LO: To understand Christmas is a festival we celebrate To know the Christmas story</p> <p>Sticky Knowledge: Christmas is the good news story for Christians because Jesus was born</p> <p>Skill: Talk about ideas</p>	<p>Mini Question: What happened in the Christmas story?</p> <p>Recap: What do you celebrate at home? Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, other festivals. What do we celebrate at school?</p> <p>Discuss Christmas celebrations in more detail. What do the pupils know about Christmas and its traditions?</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>Tell the nativity story by reading books, watching videos and acting out the story.</p> <p>Create a story stick to help them re-tell the story. Pupils could choose images or objects such as blue material to represent Mary or cotton wool for the shepherds.</p> <p>Why do Christians celebrate Christmas? Reinforce the sticky knowledge throughout the lesson.</p> <p>In books: Photographs of drama, QR codes to link to pupils re-telling the story of the nativity.</p> <p>Pupil voice quotes to show knowledge of the nativity, Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth</p> <p>Challenge: Who do you believe is the main character in the Christmas story and why?</p>
Lesson 2	<p>LO: To know how Christian families prepare for Christmas</p> <p>Sticky Knowledge: Christians prepare for Christmas by lighting candles on the advent wreath</p> <p>Skill: Find out about</p>	<p>Mini Question: How do Christian families prepare for Christmas?</p> <p>Recap: recap the nativity- use their story sticks from last lesson/ sequence pictures as a class. Why do we celebrate Christmas?</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>How do you prepare for Christmas? Talk about putting the Christmas tree up, wrapping presents, special food, Advent calendars, Christmas eve etc. NB some of these discussions may be sensitive for some pupils.</p> <p>Explain that Christians prepare for Christmas in special ways. Look in more detail at advent calendars- what are they like now? Look at the advent wreath and teach the pupils its significance.</p> <p>Pupils make an advent wreath. Pupils write what they remember about advent e.g. when the candles are lit, why there are 4 candles, advent is one way Christians prepare for Christmas.</p> <p>In books: A picture of their advent wreath and sentences about what they know about advent.</p> <p>Challenge: How else do Christians prepare for Advent?</p>
Lesson 3	<p>LO: To know how Christmas is celebrated at home and church</p> <p>Sticky Knowledge: Christians celebrate Christmas in many ways</p>	<p>Mini Question: How do Christians celebrate Christmas</p> <p>Recap: the nativity story and why it is important. How do Christians prepare for Christmas?</p> <p>How do you celebrate Christmas at home?</p> <p>Activities</p>

	<p>such as going to church and displaying a nativity scene</p> <p>Skill: Notice about</p>	<p>Show pictures, videos and visit church to find out how Christians celebrate Christmas. What do they do at home? What happens at Church? Do any of them happen at both?</p> <p>Which are the same/different to how you celebrate?</p> <p>Pupils sort pictures and artefacts (try to include a range of artefacts so the pupils can use their senses to explore) into home and church, then into Christian and secular traditions (don't need to know the word secular).</p> <p>In books: Photographs of sorting of objects/pictures. Pupils label with the traditions e.g. go to church, display a nativity scene, act out the nativity story, pray</p> <p>Challenge: How do you prepare for Christmas? How is this similar/different to Christians/others?</p>
<p>Lesson 4</p>	<p>LO: To understand why Christmas is an important celebration for Christians</p> <p>Sticky Knowledge: Christmas is important to Christians because it is the celebration of Jesus' birth.</p> <p>Skill: Respond to questions</p>	<p>Mini Question: Why is the festival of Christmas important to Christians?</p> <p>Recap: How do Christians celebrate Christmas?</p> <p>How do you celebrate Christmas?</p> <p>Activities</p> <p>Why is Christmas important to Christians? How do they celebrate? Which do you think is the most important part of the celebration? Why?</p> <p>Pupils draw a picture of an important way of celebrating Christmas and write a sentence to explain why Christmas is important to Christians.</p> <p>Is Christmas important to you? Why? What is the most important part of the celebrations for you? Seeing family, giving gifts, eating nice food, playing games?</p> <p>Pupils write a sentence about why Christmas is special for them (if it is).</p> <p>In books: Pictures and sentences</p> <p>Challenge:</p>