

# Thorpeark Academy

## Religion, Belief and Values



<b>Year Group: 3</b> <b>Term: Autumn 2 (last 4 weeks)</b>	<b>Unit Year 3 Christmas</b> <b>Theme: Christmas</b> <b>Concept: incarnation, God, gospel</b>	<b>Worldview: Christianity, personal view</b>
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**Key Question:** What are the special symbols of the Christmas story? The annunciation and the significance of Mary

**About this unit:**

This is a supplementary unit designed to help teachers ensure progression when exploring the festival of Christmas across Key Stage 2. It gives opportunity to explore and develop the concepts of Incarnation, God and Gospel. The focus for Year 3 is on Mary, mother of Jesus.

### Links to British Values

<b>Democracy</b> ✓	<b>Rule of Law</b> ✓	<b>Individual Liberty</b> ✓	<b>Mutual Respect</b> ✓	<b>Tolerance of people of different faiths and beliefs</b> ✓
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### Links to SMSC

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Hull and East Riding Agreed Syllabus

Related end of Key Stage 2 expectations pupils should be able to...

Exploring	Learning outcomes by the end
Social Sciences-How do people express their beliefs	identify symbols and artefacts which are important for at least two different faiths explain how artefacts and symbols express the beliefs of faith members recognise different forms of religious and spiritual expression
Theology- What is the significance of religious festivals and rituals?	identify the stories celebrated at festivals from different faiths  explain the meaning behind the celebration of festivals and rituals from different faiths

### Skills

<b>Theology</b> Recognise Retell and make links Observe similarities and differences	<b>Social Sciences</b> Discover more and express ideas Discover and respond Express ideas
<b>Prior learning</b>	<b>Future learning</b>
In Year 2 children explored the Christmas story from the perspective of the shepherds and the 3 wise men	In Year 4 children will focus on another symbol and its importance: light.
<b>Sticky knowledge</b>	<b>Key vocabulary</b>
Some symbols are the star, advent wreath, advent candles, Christmas colours, fir trees and holly Annunciation was when Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary to tell her of the news that she was to have a baby, who would be the son of God.	nativity, festival, celebration, annunciation, Mary, Angel Gabriel, epiphany,

<p>Mary was the carrier of the son of God and was the first person to hear and believe the news from the Angel Gabriel.</p> <p>Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration.</p> <p>Epiphany is the day that Christians celebrate the three wise men/magi first visiting Jesus, having followed a star and him being revealed to the world. Christians celebrate this day on the 6th January.</p>	
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**Resources:**

	<b>LO</b>	<b>Lesson outline</b>
<p><b>Lesson 1</b> Asking questions</p>	<p><b>LO:</b> To understand some symbols of the Christmas story.</p> <p><b>Sticky Knowledge:</b> Some symbols are the star, advent wreath, advent candles, Christmas colours, fir trees and holly.</p> <p><b>Skill:</b> Recognise Express ideas</p>	<p><b>Mini Question:</b> What are some symbols from the Christmas story?</p> <p><b>Recap:</b> What do you remember about the Christmas story?</p> <p><b>Lesson Outline:</b> Children look at the symbols and discuss what they think they mean. Then find out about them and children record I know they mean...</p> <p>In books: Photographs of symbols &amp; I know ...prompts (post teaching)</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> What does each colour on an advent wreath represent?</p>
<p><b>Lesson 2</b> Investigate and dig deeper</p>	<p><b>LO:</b> To understand what annunciation is and why this was important</p> <p><b>Sticky Knowledge:</b> Annunciation was when Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary to tell her the news that she was to have a baby, who would be the son of God.</p> <p><b>Skill:</b> Retell and make links Discover and respond</p>	<p><b>Mini Question:</b> What is annunciation and why was this important?</p> <p><b>Recap:</b> Christmas symbols and their meanings</p> <p><b>Lesson Outline:</b> The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on 25 March each year.</p> <p>More importantly, since it occurs 9 months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin. Share the story of the annunciation the bible: Luke 1:26-38</p> <p><a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/story/angel-mary">https://www.whychristmas.com/story/angel-mary</a></p> <p><b>In books:</b> Children retell the story of the annunciation.</p> <p><b>Challenge: When is the feast of the Annunciation celebrated?</b></p>
<p><b>Lesson 3</b> Interpret and analyse</p>	<p><b>LO:</b> To be able to explain why Mary is such an important part of the Christmas story.</p> <p><b>Sticky Knowledge:</b> Mary was the carrier of the son of God and was the first person to hear and believe the news from the Angel Gabriel. Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration.</p>	<p><b>Mini Question:</b> Why is Mary such an important part of the Christmas story?</p> <p><b>Recap:</b> What is the annunciation?</p> <p><b>Lesson Outline:</b> Use a member of the class to act as Mary and narrate the experience of the annunciation through the perspective of Mary. <a href="https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3243/christmas-from-marys-perspective">https://www.assemblies.org.uk/sec/3243/christmas-from-marys-perspective</a></p> <p>Focusing on her feelings and getting the children to try and imagine what it felt like. Lots of discussion.</p> <p><b>In books:</b> Children write a diary in the perspective of Mary about the visit from the angel Gabriel and the birth of Jesus.</p>

	<p><b>Skill: Retell and make links</b> Discover and respond</p>	<p><b>Challenge:</b> <i>How long does the whole Christmas story last? (annunciation to the visit from the wise men)</i></p>
<p><b>Lesson 4</b> Reflect and respond</p>	<p><b>LO:</b> To explain what the epiphany is and when it happened.</p> <p><b>Sticky knowledge:</b> Epiphany is the day that Christians celebrate the three wise men/magi first visiting Jesus, having followed a star and him being revealed to the world. Christians celebrate this day on the 6th January.</p> <p><b>Skill:</b> Discover more and express ideas</p>	<p><b>Mini Question:</b> What is the Epiphany?</p> <p><b>Recap:</b> Why is Mary an important part of the Christmas story?</p> <p><b>Lesson Outline:</b> <i>Shepherds Christmas story</i></p> <p><i>Read the Wise Men and the Christmas story to the children:</i> <a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/story/wisemen">https://www.whychristmas.com/story/wisemen</a> (Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12 in the Bible)</p> <p><i>How many wise men were there in the Christmas story? What does wise mean? Discuss how they were also referred to as Magi and Kings and what those words mean. Share the story of how the wise men were magi (followed the stars and would be known as astronomers today). Discuss how they saw a star in the sky which told them that Jesus had been born. King Herod, asked them to go and find Jesus so that he could go and worship him. The wise men went with gifts. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Discuss the significance of these 3 gifts, even though they seem strange for a baby/toddler.</i></p> <p><i>Gold: is associated with Kings and Christians believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.</i></p> <p><i>Frankincense: is sometimes used in worship in Churches and showed that people would worship Jesus.</i></p> <p><i>Myrrh: is a perfume that is put on dead bodies to make them smell nice; Christian believe that it showed that Jesus would suffer and die.</i></p> <p><i>When the wise men were about to go to tell Herod where Jesus was, they were warned in a dream not to, so Herod could not carry out his horrible plan.</i></p> <p><b>In books:</b> <i>Answer questions in books:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>What are the three wise men also known as?</i></li> <li>2. <i>What led them to where Jesus was?</i></li> <li>3. <i>What did they do when they saw him?</i></li> <li>4. <i>What gifts did they bring?</i></li> <li>5. <i>Why did they not go back to tell King Herod?</i></li> <li>6. <i>When do Christians celebrate the feast of the epiphany?</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Challenge: It does not say how many wise men there were in the bible. Why do you think people think there were three?</i></p> <p><i>Final reflections:</i></p> <p><i>Read the poem: The Three Kings</i> <b>BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.</b></p> <p><i>Children to discuss how it made them feel and why. Also, any similarities or differences from the bible scripture.</i></p>