

# Christmas Strand

Foundation Stage	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Unit F2 - Why is Christmas special for Christians.	Unit 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? (Incarnation)	Unit L2.3 What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians? (God/Incarnation)	Unit U2.3 Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah (Incarnation)
<p>Learning outcomes: Plan learning experiences that enable children to ...</p> <p>Talk about people who are special to them. Say what makes their family and friends special to them. Recall simply what happens at a traditional Christian festival (Christmas). Begin to recognise the word “incarnation” as describing the belief that God came to Earth as Jesus.</p> <p>Retell religious stories, making connections with personal experiences.</p> <div data-bbox="98 951 416 1134" style="background-color: #f8d7da; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><i>Colour key:</i>  <span style="color: purple;">Making sense</span>  <span style="color: red;">Understanding impact</span>  <span style="color: green;">Making connections</span></p> </div>	<p>Learning outcomes :</p> <p><b>Make sense of belief:</b> Recognise that stories of Jesus’ life come from the Gospels. Give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus’ birth and why Jesus is important to Christians. Understand the meaning of the word “incarnation”.</p> <p><b>Understand the impact:</b> Give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the Nativity to guide their belief and actions at Christmas.</p> <p><b>Make connections:</b> Think, talk and ask questions about Christmas for people who are Christians and for people who are not. Describe what they personally have to be thankful for, giving a reason for their ideas.</p>	<p>Learning outcomes:</p> <p><b>Make sense of belief:</b> Recognise what a Gospel is and give an example of the kinds of stories it contains. Offer suggestions about what texts about baptism and Trinity mean Give examples of what these texts mean to some Christians.</p> <p><b>Understand the impact:</b> Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in worship in different ways (in baptism and prayer, for example) and in the way they live.</p> <p><b>Make connections:</b> Make links between some Bible texts studied and the idea of God in Christianity, expressing clearly some ideas of their own of what Christians believe God is like.</p>	<p>Learning outcomes:</p> <p><b>Make sense of belief:</b> Explain the place of Incarnation and Messiah within the “big story” of the Bible. Identify Gospel and prophecy texts, using technical terms. Explain connections between biblical texts, incarnation and Messiah, using theological terms.</p> <p><b>Understand the impact:</b> Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus’ incarnation into practice in different ways in celebrating Christmas. Comment on how the idea that Jesus is the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible.</p> <p><b>Make connections:</b> Weigh up how far the idea of Jesus as the Messiah – a saviour from God- is important in the world today, and if it is true, what difference that might make in people’s lives, giving good reasons for their answers.</p>

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