



# Knowledge Organiser



<b>Topic:</b>	Understanding Christianity: Incarnation F.2 Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?			
<b>Subject:</b>	R.E	<b>Term:</b>	Autumn 2	<b>Year Group/Class:</b>
			Reception	

## Prior/Background Knowledge:

This unit looks at what the bible says about Jesus. It starts by connecting the baby Jesus with the adult Jesus- often a huge confusion for children- and explores the idea that for Christians, Jesus is not just a baby, but God. Hearing that the nativity stories come from the bible, and actually seeing a bible, begins to help children to connect with a different perspective from what many will learn at home and in the commercial hype around the Christmas festival.

Children are now familiar with Tom and Tessa, our Christian puppets and have been introduced to the concept of **Christianity**, **church** and the **bible** in our previous unit of work.



## Key questions from the children:

## Key vocab and definitions:

**Jesus:** The Son of God (Christians believe)

**Nativity:** The story of when Jesus was born

**Mary and Joseph:** Jesus' parents

**Bible** Holy book for Christians

**Angel:** a messenger of God

**Bethlehem:** Where Jesus was born

**Shepherds:** Someone who looks after sheep

**Wise men:** very important people

**Christmas:** A celebration of the birth of Jesus

**Carols:** special songs about Jesus being born

**Precious:** very special and important

**Welcome:** help someone to belong

**Bless:** To ask God to look after

**Thanksgiving:** Giving thanks to God

What the children will learn about and background information and key texts they will use:

- Know that everyone starts life as a baby
- Understand that Christians believe that Jesus was a very special baby (Christmas story in the bible)
- Discuss who they think is the most important character from the Nativity
- Explain who Christians believe is the most important character from the Nativity
- Understand why it is important for Christians to act out the Nativity story
- Find out what Christians might do to share God's love
- Talk about their best ever present
- Understand why Jesus is the best present for Christians
- Understand what precious means
- Understand what God was telling us in the story of Jesus welcoming all the children ((Mark 10:13-16))
- To think about why parents might want a thanksgiving service for their baby
- To think about why it is good to be kind and helpful

### **Assessment:**

% at Emerging	
% at Basic	
% at Advancing	
% at Deep	

### **Evaluation:**

Quotes from the children and any next steps for development: