



RE Knowledge Organiser



Subject:	Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Term:	Autumn 2	Classes and Year:	Yellow Class and Green Class (Y2)
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Prior/Background Knowledge:

- Children will know and understand that Jesus brought Good News to the world.
- Children will know that Christians celebrate Christmas.
- Children will have some knowledge of the Christmas story through taking part in previous nativity performances.
- Children will have some previous knowledge of how Christians get ready for Christmas from experience in a Church of England School.



Key questions from the children:

Key vocab and definitions:

- Christians: A group of people who believe in and follow God.
- Jesus: Son of God
- Bible: The Holy Book for Christians.
- Prayer: Talking to God
- Church: A place where Christians can be close to God.
- Incarnation – God coming to Earth as Jesus.
- Christmas: a Christian celebration remembering the birth of Jesus
- Advent: Counting down to Christmas.
- Characters from the nativity story (Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Wise men, Shepherds, Angels etc)

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

- In this unit of work, the children will begin to develop a basic understanding of the Incarnation (God coming to Earth in human form as Jesus). They will carry out a variety of activities to help them to develop a good knowledge and understanding of the Christmas Story and explain why Christmas is important to Christians.
- The children will learn how Christians prepare for Christmas and will visit the local Church to look for signs that Christmas is coming.
- Children are encouraged to consider what they can learn from the Christmas story (eg. being thankful, kindness and generosity) and how this might impact the choices they make in their own lives.
- Throughout the unit the children are encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions in relation to Big Questions such as “What would a poor person give Jesus?” or “What do you think is the most important part of the Christmas Story?” They will learn to listen to and respect the opinions of others and respond appropriately to what is said.

Assessment:

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

Evaluation:

Quotes from the children and any next steps for development: