

Learning Flow

Year 3 & 4– RE – Term 2 – Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

What do we already know?

Topic Toolkit – Prior knowledge, What is Geography? Why is it important? What do we already know? What questions do we have?

Exploring the Bible

- Incarnation is part of the 'Big Story'.
- Look at the 'Big Story' frieze.
- God coming to Earth as baby Jesus is also part of the 'Big Story'.

Outline the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible, explaining the place within it of the core concepts studied.

The Stories of Jesus' birth

- There are two more stories in the Bible about Jesus being born. Introduce stories of the angel appearing to Joseph, telling him that the baby is from God and should be called Jesus (Matthew 1:18–25), and the visit of the wise men (Matthew 2:1–12)

Identify ideas arising from their study of texts and concepts, and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses.

The King

- Look at Botticelli's 'Mystic Nativity'
- Which looks like a king?
- How is the artist showing the baby is special?

The meaning of Christmas

- Look at images of the nativity story.
- Which characters show the Christian meaning of Christmas?

How do Christians put their beliefs into practice?

- Christmas is a time for giving.
- The wise men gave presents when Jesus was first born.
- Lots of Christians like to give presents and help to those in need at Christmas time. Learn about two charitable projects for Christmas

Show how Christians put their beliefs into practice in different ways, for example in different denominations.

What do we know now?

- Knowledge demonstration
- Quiz.
- Flashforward- Next term. What do we know?