



Year Group: 6

Worldview: Christianity



Enquiry Question: Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

Core Knowledge

Christians celebrate the arrival of Jesus as God's Son.

They are grateful because they believe Jesus brought to earth a message from God about how to live a good life.

He performed miracles, helped people and offered forgiveness of sins.

Christians believe that through his death and resurrection Jesus would grant all of humanity a fresh start and He was God "incarnate" (God made man).

The "incarnation" is the key fact of Jesus' birth - that God became fully human whilst also retaining his divinity.



Key Vocabulary

Incarnation: God becoming man

Messiah: a saviour from God prophesied about in the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures.

Historical Context

Jesus' birth in a dirty stable showed that he was not traditional royalty, and not the type of Messiah that the Jews were hoping for to free them from Roman rule. He was born into poor surroundings to show that he was not a worldly King and that he had come to give his good news to the poor and needy.

Impact on Believers

Some Christians may commit to going to church at Christmas even if that is the only time in the year that they go.

Christian (and other) houses will use symbols such as the star or angel on the Christmas tree to remind them of the story of the birth of Jesus.

Key Questions

Do I understand the significance of some symbols to Christians?

Are there symbols about special events which are meaningful to me?

