Year Group: 4 **Worldview:** Christianity

Enquiry Question: **What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?**

Core Knowledge

Jesus was born in Bethlehem and Christians believe he was God's son. Mary was his mother and Joseph was engaged to her at the time.

The elements of the Christingle have a symbolism

The orange represents the world.

The candle reminds Christians of Jesus whom they believe to be the light of the world.

The red ribbon goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.

The four cocktail sticks are the four seasons

The sweets (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world

Key Vocabulary

Incarnation:

God becoming man or literally being "made flesh

Christingle:

An ornament made in many homes and church at Christmas with significance to each part of it.

The Christingle (which means "Christ-light") started in Germany in 1747. The tradition spread with the movement of the church. In 1968 the Christingle Service was brought to the Anglican Church of England although many different denominations now use it.

Impact on Believers

Symbols are still used today e.g. the Christingles, a star or angel on the top of the Christmas tree.

Christians may also have a "crib" or nativity scene in their own home to remind them of the elements of the Christmas story.

Many Christians will attend Church services over the Christmas period to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Key Questions

What symbols are meaningful to me?

What could I use as symbols to portray things that are important to me in my life?

Is it important that others understand my symbolism or is it something personal that only I comprehend?