Incarnation

RE and Worldviews EYFS

Incarnation: Why do Christians perform Nativity at Christmas?

Key Vocabulary

Jesus – the son of God, he came to Earth to help others and teach them about the love of God and forgiving people.
God – the creator of all things and beings and who watches over people on Earth.
Mary – the mother of Jesus, who was given a baby by God.
Joseph – he was married to Mary and was Jesus' father on Earth.
Angel – special helpers that are created by God and often pass on messages, Angel Gabriel passed on messages that Jesus was going to be born.
Wise Men – they studied stars and followed the Star that led them to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
Manger – typically a feeding trough for animals but was used as a bed for baby Jesus.
Bethlehem – a town near Jerusalem where Jesus was born.
Bible – a book made up of different stories that Christians believe is God's word and gives guidance on how to live our lives.
Precious – something that means a lot to you.
Special – something that is important and unique.
Gift – something special that you give someone without seeking anything in return.
Love – a warm feeling of caring for something/someone very much.
Celebration – a special event or party where people get together for a happy reason e.g. a birthday.
Nativity – the Christian story of how Jesus was born.





Who is the baby in the Nativity story?

Christians believe Jesus is God come to earth in human form. This belief is called the Incarnation. The Nativity story is found in the Bible, mainly in Luke 2:1–7 and Matthew 1:18–25. For Christians, Jesus is called "God's Son" and is central to their faith because he shows what God is like.

Why do Christians celebrate Christmas every year?

Christmas is celebrated as Jesus' birthday. They believe Jesus is God's gift to the world, showing God's love for everyone. The celebration reminds Christians of God's presence and care, and it is a key festival in the Christian calendar.

Who visited baby Jesus and why?

The Bible tells of shepherds (Luke 2:8–20) and wise men (Matthew 2:1–12) visiting Jesus. The shepherds represent ordinary people, and the wise men show that Jesus was important even to people far away. Their gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbolise Jesus' kingship, divinity, and future suffering.

Why do Christians think Jesus is so special?

Christians believe Jesus is God's Son and came to show what God is like. He grew up to teach about love, forgiveness, and kindness. Jesus is special because Christians believe he is God in human form, not just because he was a baby in a story.

Why do Christians act out the Nativity story?

Nativity plays help Christians remember and share the story of Jesus' birth. They are a way of retelling the good news that God came to earth as a baby. This tradition goes back hundreds of years and is an important part of Christian worship and celebration.

What does Jesus teach Christians about people?

Christians believe Jesus came because everyone is precious to God. Stories like Jesus welcoming children (Mark 10:13–16) and the lost coin (Luke 15:8–10) show that God values every person. This belief leads Christians to treat others with kindness and help those in need.