

## RE Christianity

### What should I know already?

To be able to retell key parts of the Christianity Christmas Story.

To be able to talk about and discuss what I most enjoy about Christmas if I celebrate.

To be able to recognise that Christmas is celebrated and means different things to different people.

### Diagrams:



### Key Words

Empathy Interpretation Application Investigation  
Discernment Evaluation Expression Reflection

### Vocabulary:

Word	Meaning
Christmas	Christmas is the time when many Christians remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.
Christmas Day	Christmas Day is celebrated by many Christians all over the world on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of December. It is a special holiday when most offices, shops and schools are closed.
Nativity	A play that tells of the story of the birth of Jesus.
Christian	Christians are people who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follow his teachings
Belief	A belief is a firm thought that something is true, often based on revelation. Belief is usually a part of belonging to a religion.
Celebration	A celebration is a special enjoyable event that people organize because something pleasant has happened

### Key knowledge:

**The Nativity Story:** The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby called Jesus and that he would be God's son. Mary rode on a donkey to Bethlehem where she met a kind innkeeper who allowed her and Joseph to stay in his stable for the night and Jesus was born there that night. An angel appeared to some shepherds and told them that the son of God had been born in Bethlehem, so they travelled there to visit Baby Jesus. Three wise men saw a star in the sky and knew that it meant a king had been born so they followed it. They went past the palace of King Herod who asked the men to tell him where the baby was. The wise men found baby Jesus, but they received a message from God warning them not to tell King Herod, so they didn't. Herod began to search for baby Jesus and ordered that all baby boys in Bethlehem should be killed. However, after a warning in a dream Mary and Joseph travelled to Egypt with Jesus and he was safe.

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