

RE Knowledge Organiser

RE Focus	Christianity: Incarnation	Year 6	Autumn 2
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What? (Key Knowledge)

The Nativity Scene

In the Christian tradition, a **nativity scene** is a special exhibition that represents the birth of Jesus, as told in the Bible. The Nativity scene is also known as the manger scene or the crib. The scene takes place in Bethlehem.

Modern day Christmas traditions

Some modern day traditions include giving presents, Christmas crackers, Christmas trees, Christmas cards, holly wreaths, parties, decorations, turkey and Father Christmas.

Does the birth of Jesus have a place in modern day Christmas celebrations?

Singing carols, angels, stars, the Christingle, the Nativity scene and Advent are all traditions that are reminiscent of the birth of Christ.

Attainment Targets

- I can start to explain how some of the ways I choose to celebrate are directly linked to the event I am celebrating.
- I can describe some of the ways that Christians would celebrate Christmas.
- I can explain that people may celebrate Christmas in different ways and say whether or not I feel this relates to Jesus' birth.
- Evaluate different Christmas traditions and celebrations in the light of their reference and relevance to Christian beliefs in Jesus

Key Questions

- Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling

Definition

Incarnation

Incarnation, central Christian doctrine that God became flesh, that God assumed a human nature and became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Resurrection

Resurrection, the rising from the dead of a divine or human being who still retains his own personhood, or individuality, though the body may or may not be changed.

Celebration

An action that commemorates an important day or event

Tradition

The passing down of beliefs or customs through the generations.

Possible experiences

- Write a poem or create a piece of art that depicts that nativity scene. This could be the traditional nativity scene or you could try and create a modern version.
- Take a walk of the local area and look at some of the Christmas decorations. Are these relevant to the birth of Jesus? Would you argue that they are still traditional?



Christmas traditions old vs new

