

Key threads this term

Places of worship Holy books, and stories	Rites of passage	Festivals and Celebrations	Similarities and differences within and between religions	Share their own beliefs, viewpoints and ideas
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Whole-school definition of RE

To encourage all learners to be thoughtful about their own beliefs and world views in the light of the religions and beliefs we study.

Did you know?

- Christmas is a Christian festival celebrating what they believe was Jesus' birth date (25th December).
- Jesus' birth is often retold in plays by children called 'The Nativity'.
- Some Christians start Christmas by singing carols at a Church.
- Christians give gifts and cards to remind them of the gift of Jesus' life.



Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?



New vocabulary

Christian – Somebody that follows and believes in the Christian faith.

Christmas – a Christian festival celebrating Jesus' birth.

Presents – an item given to someone without expecting anything back.

Frankincense – a perfume burned in temples made from an African tree.

Myrrh – another type of perfume burned in temples.

Prior knowledge (what we all ready know)

- Recognising that some people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Learning that Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem on a donkey.
- Understanding how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world.



New Knowledge (what we are going to learn)

- Understand why people give gifts and what it feels like to give or receive them.
- Learn about the story of Jesus' birth.
- Understand what a Christian would have given as a gift to Jesus.
- Learning that there are gifts you can give that you can't see.
- Understand that Christians believe Jesus is God's gift to the world.