

Knowledge Organiser: RE. Year 3. Has Christmas lost its true meaning?

To understand/ explain/ describe:	Key picture	Key Vocabulary
<p>What do Christians believe happened at Christmas? Christmas is an important time for Christians. It is the time when they remember God coming to Earth in the form of a baby (incarnation). The story of the first Christmas can be found in Luke 1-2 and in Matthew 1-2. Christians believe Christmas is a time to celebrate that Jesus is a gift from God, given to the world to show people how to lead good lives and save/help the world. Christians believe Jesus is God in human form (the Incarnation of God).</p>		<p>BC = Before Christ Incarnation Luke 1-2 Matthew 1-2 Bethlehem Angel Gabriel Mary Joseph Census Innkeeper Stable Shepherds Wise men/Kings Star King Herod Egypt Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh Over 2 million Christians Traditions Religious traditions Secular traditions Epiphany</p>
<p>Religious traditions & Secular tradition</p>		<p>The Christmas Story for Christians</p>

Thinking Point Questions: Can you talk about what you enjoy at Christmas? Can you retell the nativity story and explain what it tells Christians about Jesus? Can you explain some of the different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world? Can you make links between Christian beliefs about Christmas and the way they celebrate it? Can you distinguish between Christmas traditions that are related to the Christian story and those which are not? Can you ask questions about why people celebrate Christmas differently around the world?