

Autumn 2 Year 2 Christmas 2:2 Knowledge Organiser

Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
Bethlehem	The town where Jesus was born.		Christmas is a celebration of the good news. Angels are the good news bringers. Christians believe that the good news is that Jesus is the saviour of the world. Christians believe that the content of the Christmas story is good news. The good news impacts on the world then and now.
Elizabeth	A woman who had a baby called John. She was Mary's cousin.		
Good News	A happy and important message. Christians believe Jesus is good news.		
Joseph	Mary's husband who helped care for baby Jesus.		
Jesus	A special baby Christians believe is God's Son.		
Mary	The mother of Jesus.		
Shepherds	People who look after sheep. Angels told them about Jesus being born.	Writing/Provision/Enrichment opportunities	
Zechariah	Elizabeth's husband. An angel told him they would have a baby named John.	Imagine and create the newspaper headlines for the 'Bethlehem Times' telling everyone the good news of the Christmas story.	
Key Questions How is good news delivered? Who passes on good news? Why was the birth of Jesus good news? Why is this news so important? What difference did it make to the world? How did the good news spread further? How is this good news told and celebrated today? The news is very old, how can it still be good news?			

What do angels do?	What do angels look like?	
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Presentation		Assessment	
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	☐ Talk about their own feelings and experiences of good news.	☐ Christmas is a celebration of the good news. ☐ Angels are the good news bringers. ☐ Christians believe that the good news is that Jesus is the saviour of the world. ☐ Retell the Christmas story, including the story of Zechariah.	☐ Christians believe that the content of the Christmas story is good news. ☐ The good news impacts on the world then and now. ☐ Ask and respond sensitively to questions about the experiences of Mary and the shepherds.