

Aut 2 Reception Christmas Knowledge Organiser

How do Christians Celebrate Jesus' Birthday?

Subject specific Vocabulary		Images/Diagrams/Maps	Important Knowledge
Christmas	A special time when Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.		For Christians Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Jesus was a very special baby. Christians believe he was the Son of God. The church celebrates Christmas in special ways.
Jesus	A special baby Christians believe is God's Son.		
Bethlehem	The town where Jesus was born.		
Mary	Jesus' mother.		
Joseph	Mary's husband who cared for Jesus.		
Shepherds	People who look after sheep. They visited baby Jesus.		
Star	A bright light in the sky that showed where Jesus was born.		
Key Questions What is a birthday? When is your birthday? In what ways do you celebrate your birthday? How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday? Why was Jesus a special baby?		Writing/Provision/ Enrichment opportunities	
		Look at a variety of Christmas cards. The children can then make their own card that reminds people that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. Turn the role play area into the stable, use the children's pictures from the creative area as a back drop and to set the atmosphere. Take photos	

Presentation		Assessment	
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	☐ talk about their own experiences of Christmas.	☐ recall/retell the nativity story. ☐ identify the characters in the nativity story. ☐ use religious words to talk about Christmas. ☐ talk about why Christmas is important. ☐ talk about how the church celebrates Christmas. ☐ talk about feelings related to celebrating Christmas and birthdays.	☐ Can retell the story with more detail, including why the events are important to Christians. ☐ Can explain the “good news” part of the story (Jesus being born). ☐ Can suggest why Christians might say Jesus is a gift from God. ☐ Can make links between their own feelings at celebrations and how Christians might feel about Jesus’ birth.