

RE Knowledge Organiser

Southwold Primary School



Topic: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?

Year 4 Autumn

Christianity

What should I already know?

- In the Christmas story, there are lots of important symbols which show the birth of Jesus was a special event:
- The **angels** symbolise that Jesus wasn't an ordinary man. Angels aren't everyday occurrences and were there to show people that Jesus was a special gift from God.
- The **star** guided the Wise Men just as Jesus is the light that guides people to God.
- The **Wise Men** and the **Shepherds** show the difference between rich and poor, symbolising that Jesus is a gift to everyone.
- The **gifts** from the Wise Men: **gold** is a precious metal symbolising how precious Jesus is and represents his Kingship. **Frankincense** is used in perfume and incense and represents Jesus' priestly role, **Myrrh** is also used in perfumes and incense and in Jesus' day was an embalming oil which symbolises his death.
- The **manger** and the **stable** were humble beginnings for a 'King.'

Impact on believer / daily life

- Jesus is the son of God and the light of the world-leading Christians to God hence the star and the candle in the Christingle.
- The Annunciation :that Mary agreed to the Angel Gabriel's request when God sent him to ask her to be the mother of Jesus.

Images



Christingle



Birth of Jesus

Vocabulary

Incarnation	The Christian belief that Jesus is God in a human body. The word ' <i>incarnate</i> ' is Latin for " <i>in the flesh.</i> "
Christingle	A symbolic object that means 'Christ's light'.
Frankincense	A scented resin used in incense and perfume.
Myrrh	Natural resin used as perfume, incense, and medicine.
Jesus	Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God.
Manger	A long trough from which horses or cattle feed.

What will I know by the end of this unit?

A Christingle is another important symbol for Christians.

It is a symbol of the Christian faith and reminds Christians of 'Christ's light.'

- The **orange** represents the world.
- The **candle** reminds us of Jesus as Christians believe Jesus is the light of the world
- The **red ribbon** goes all around the 'world' and reminds Christians that Jesus died –it symbolises His blood.
- The **four cocktail sticks** have two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.
- The **sweets** or **dried fruit** symbolise God's gifts to the world, including kindness and love.

Links with other religions

The Seder Plate (Judaism):

The Seder plate traditionally holds five or six items, each of which symbolises a part of the Passover story.

The 5Ks (Sikhism):

The 5 Ks symbolise that the Sikh who wears them has dedicated themselves to a life of devotion and submission to the Guru.