

Subject: Religious Education	Concept/Theme:	Jesus/Christmas	Year Group: Reception	Term: Autumn 2

Vocabulary:		
God	The creator of the world.	
Jesus	God's son.	
pray	Talking to God.	
prayer	Bringing our thoughts to God.	
vicar	A leader of a church.	
worship	To respect God. To thank God for everything.	
hope	A feeling for good things to happen.	
nativity	The story of the birth of Jesus.	
celebrate	To take part in a happy event.	
miracle	A wonder.	

#### **Special People**

- I know why Jesus was special.
- I know someone that is special and why.
- I know that Jesus performed miracles.
- I know why a vicar is special
- I know that there are special people in all world faiths.

#### **Christmas**

- I know Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday.
- I know that Jesus was a very special baby, the Son of God.
- I know the important parts of the nativity story.
- I can talk about why Christmas is important.
- I know why celebrations are important.

## **Prior Learning:**

 Prior learning depends on children's Nursery settings and their curriculum.

## Future Learning:

Rec Summer 1 Friendship (Jesus)

I know that Christians are friends of Jesus.

I know that Jesus has 12 special friends called disciples.

I know the story of Ruth and Naomi.

I know the story of the miraculous catch of fish.

I know the story of The Last Supper.

I can retell stories of Jesus with his friends.

I know why friendship is important.

Y1 Autumn 2 Christmas - why do we give and receive gifts?

- I know that the wise men visited Jesus after the shepherds.
- I know that Christians believe that Jesus is a gift from God.
- I can retell the nativity story.
- I can talk about giving and receiving gifts.
- I can talk about Jesus being God's son.



Week One		
Objective I know that people choose to do jobs that show Christian Values	<ul> <li>Success Criteria</li> <li>Talk about people who are special and give special</li> <li>Talk about why Jesus was special</li> <li>Connect people's actions and Christian value</li> <li>Talk about why a vicar is special</li> </ul>	
Learning And Teaching		Outcomes (what is in books, any computing/photo/video evidence etc and where it is to be saved)
Christians believe that created the word and everything in it.  Open the chatterbox together and look and talk about what is inside. Start with a chatterbox containing: pictures of family, play mobile models of police officer, firefighter, doctor, nurse, vicar etc  Who are these people? What do they all have in common?  What does special mean? Who is special to you? What makes them special?  Explain that we are going to think about some special words to describe these people called Christian Values. Where have we heard those words before? What do they mean? Where can we find them in the classroom?  Intro a value at a time, explaining that this is a way that God wants us to behave in his Christian family. Share a pic of this value being carried out. How are they showing this CV? How could you show this CV?  Plenary: What CV's do special people show? How do these CVs make us feel? What values have you shown today? Show ch a pic of Jesus. Who is this? What CVs can we use to describe Jesus? When did he show that CV?		Log Complete a role on the wall for a vicar – why is a vicar special?  Focus Activity: Discuss somebody special that they know and discuss why they are special. Draw a picture of that special person and list the CVs that this person displays  Pupils needing extra support: Fine motor support. Can ch write one/two words to say which CVs this person shows?



Punils working at

		Pupils working at greater depth: How do we decide who is special?
We	ek Two	
Objective: I know that Jesus was special and he performed miracles.	Success Criteria:  Talk about why Jesus is special Retell stories about Jesus performing mire	acles
Learning And Teaching		Outcomes (what is in books, any computing/photo/video evidence etc and where it is to be saved)
What do special people do? How do we decide who is special?  Last week we began to think about the special people in our lives. What makes someone special? Jesus was special. Who was Jesus? Why is Jesus special? Jesus is a special person that Christians love and follow. He was a storyteller who told people stories about God. Explain that he was not just special because he performed miracles to help people. What is a miracle? Where have you heard the word before?  Wherever Jesus went, crowds followed him. They wanted to hear what he said and they were amazed at his miracles. Share pics from Matthew of miracles and crowds. What do you think is happening? How are the followers feeling? When have you felt like that?  Share the story of Jesus walking on water https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69VrswH4sPk  Plenary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwTqbkkAZ2A		Log Pictures of Jesus' miracles with quotes from children about what Jesus is doing, words to describe Jesus etc. Task Select a miracle to illustrate – link to Christian Value he demonstrated  Pupils needing extra support: Fine motor support. Write one value he showed through miracle performed.  Pupils working at greater depth: The followers were feeling



v.	Veek Three	
Objective: I know that there are special/important/holy people	Success Criteria:	
/leaders/teachers in all world faiths.	<ul> <li>Explain that other faiths also have important/s</li> </ul>	
	Explain that a Rabbi is a special/important/ho	ly person in the Jewish faith
	Talk about how we can help others	0.4
		Outcomes (what is in books, any
Learning And Teachi	ina	computing/photo/video
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		is to be saved)
KMRM: Jesus performed miracles. Can you remember any miracles t	hat Jesus performed? What Christian values is	RE LOG: Ask the children
Jesus showing?	·	to draw a picture of
		themselves on a small
There are important/special/holy people/leaders or teachers in all the Worl		piece of paper, and then
In Judaism, the 'rabbi' is a special and important person. The word <i>rabbi</i> n	neans teacher, and the role of the rabbi is to teach the	add their picture to one
Torah to Jews.		large picture of everyone
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Show pictures of different Rabbis, with quotes around them of what their job is/what they enjoy/beliefs:		everyone and so should
- Teaching the Torah		we. God made us all equal and we are all special and
<ul><li>Helping others</li><li>Praying to God</li></ul>		important.
<ul> <li>God loves everyone and so should we. God made us all equal and</li> </ul>	we are all special and important	important.
- etc	The are an epocial and important	TASK:
		Ask the children to draw
The Rabbi enjoys helping others.		pictures of themselves
		helping others.
Discuss with the children about the importance of us all helping each other	r.	



Pupils needing extra support: Fine motor support/ suggestions for children to choose from.

Pupils working at greater depth: Which Christian values are they showing?

#### **Week Four**

### **Objective:**

I know that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday

#### Success Criteria:

- Talk about their own experiences of Christmas and birthdays.
- Talk about why Christmas is important.
- Talk about feelings related to celebrating Christmas and birthdays.

### **Learning And Teaching**

## KMRM:

Example objects for your chatterbox Pictures of the nativity from around the world using different styles of artwork.
3D nativity scene characters

Baby boy birth congratulations

card

A handful of straw

A birthday cake candle

A happy birthday banner

A wrapped gift

A heart

#### Log

Role play a birthday party for baby Jesus, make cards and hats and photograph

Outcomes (what is in books, any

computing/photo/video evidence etc and where it is to be saved)

#### **Task**

Mind map about how we celebrate birthdays. How do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? Why do we give presents?



A Christmas card

A dummy or rattle

A photo of an old person with

a baby

A CD of Christmas songs about

the nativity story, e.g. from

Out of the Ark resources

Open the Chatterbox together (see above for ideas for in the box) and discover what is inside. The children take turns looking at and handling the objects. The conversation and questions will generate ideas for the learning activities, make notes as you chat and your planning has begun.

Ask the children: What is a birthday? When is your birthday? In what ways do you celebrate your birthday? How do you feel on your birthday? Do mummy and daddy celebrate their birthday in the same way as you? How do birthdays change as we get older?

Show the children a collection of objects that we use in our celebrations. Discuss children's birthday experiences.

How do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? Explain to the children that we celebrate Christmas because it is when Jesus was born Share the story of the First Christmas and consider how the baby's birth is celebrated. Do we celebrate a baby's birth in the same way? What are the similarities and differences? (link to the presents)

**Plenary** – read a story about someone who thought friends and family had forgotten their birthday. Often people forget about Jesus' birthday. *How would they feel? Why is Christmas important?* 

Pupils needing extra support: Fine motor support. Picture of birthday celebrations and key words/sentence below.

Pupils working at greater depth: How do we celebrate Jesus' birthday differently from our own?

Week Five			
Objective:	Success Criteria:		
I know that Jesus was a very special baby, the Son of God.	<ul> <li>That Jesus was human (God in human form) (Incarnation)</li> <li>That Christian's believe God sent Jesus to show how much he loves</li> </ul>		
	us		
	To retell the nativity story		
	To identify the nativity characters		



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Learning And Teaching	Outcomes (what is in books, any computing/photo/video evidence etc and where it is to be saved)
KMRM: How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday?	Log:
Show a candle and birthday card. Why is Christmas special? Share a picture of baby Jesus and ask the children did he always look like this? Jesus is not just special he is human but he is God in human form. Who has a baby in their family? How do people feel when new babies are born? Share pictures of new babies – Compare these new babies to Jesus. Are there any similarities or differences? What	Photos of class during nativity play and quotes of their role in the story with speech bubble explaining their role/a moment from the story
presents would we buy a new baby? What would they wear? What do we feed them? Dress one baby	Task
doll in modern clothes and one as a baby in Jesus' time. How are they the same? Different? Remind the children the nativity story, and look at pictures of nativity scenes. Who are these people? Why are they visiting baby Jesus? Would these people visit a new baby today?	Use the nativity sets to retell the story of the First Christmas- What part of the story is the most important?
Why? Why do we perform a play at Christmas time? Using class nativity set, retell the story of the first Christmas.	
Plenary Tell the story of Anna & Simeon (Luke 2: 21-40). How would you have felt if you had waited a long time for something and then it arrived? Why was Jesus so special? It was because when he grew up he changed peoples' lives. How?	Pupils needing extra support: Photos and quotes of verbal retelling. Can ch name the characters?
	Pupils working at greater depth: Which part of the story is the most important? Why do they think this?



Wee	ek Six	
Objective: I know that the Church celebrates Christmas in special ways	Success Criteria:  Christmas in special ways  I can talk about how the church celebrates Christmas  I can use religious words to talk about Christmas	
Learning And Teaching		Outcomes (what is in books, any computing/photo/video evidence etc and where it is to be saved)
Why do we celebrate Christmas? Why is it special? Share the term incarnation with the children and look for this on the frieze in the worship box.  Where do Christian's celebrate Christmas? Show children a photograph of a Church at Christmas time.  What do you notice? Ask if any child has been to church at Christmas? Make explicit how the colour purple is used to demonstrate Advent and how the Advent wreath is lit on the Sundays leading up to Christmas.  Discuss when you go to church you sing Christmas carols. Some Christian's sing songs to raise money for people who need help. Sing a Christmas carol with the class.  Visit from Rev. Sarah to share how the Church celebrates Christmas?  Show children a Christingle. Share powerpoint of the different parts https://request.org.uk/festivals/christmas/christmas-in-church/#  All children to make a Christingle		Log Lift the flap - who is in the stable?  Task All children make a Christingle. Pupils needing extra support: Fine motor support.  Pupils working at greater depth: Can ch explain the different parts of the Christingle and their meaning/significance?