

Why is Jesus's birth important to Christians?

Jesus's birth is so important to Christians as they believe God gave Jesus to the Earth to show people how to lead good lives, forgive them for the things they do wrong and prove to them (through his resurrection) that there is life after death.



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Year 5/6 RE
Christianity

Is the Christmas story true?

Our overall learning objective

To evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways



Are eyewitness accounts always the same?



Eye witness accounts are subjective and even though people have witnessed the same event we each see things through our own lens.

Incarnation

Christians believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God on Earth. That Jesus is God in human form and that in Jesus, God came to live among humans.



The Two Versions In The Bible

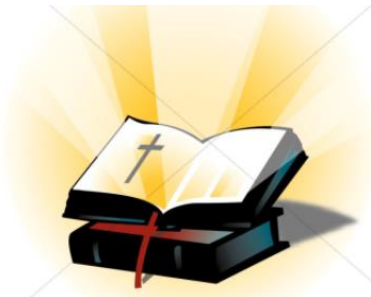
In the bible there are two quite different accounts of the birth of Jesus.

Matthew

Chp 1 and 2

Luke

Chp 2 Verses 1-2



Our Questions

What do you know about the Christmas story?
What are the similarities and differences between the different accounts of the Christmas story?
Do you think the Christmas story is true?
If we are questioning the factual side of the Christmas story, can it be true in a different way?
Can stories and events have meaning even if they didn't happen exactly as recorded?

Key Vocabulary

Eye witness account

A description of an event given by a person who saw it happen.

Subjective

Influenced by personal feelings or opinions.

Bible

The Christian holy book. A group of religious stories, prayers, songs and wise words.

Christmas

An annual Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Version

A particular form of something that can be different from other forms of the same thing.

Incarnation

The belief that Jesus is God in the flesh and in Jesus God came to live among humans

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Also known as the Three Wise Men or Three Kings who, according to 'Matthew' followed a bright star to where Jesus was born..

Resurrection

When Jesus rose from the dead after his crucifixion.

