

Y6 RE: Christianity - Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?



Why are we learning about Christianity - Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?

It is important to know about the Christmas traditions as Christmas is the most widely-celebrated festival in the UK. Understanding the reasons why Christmas is so important to Christians, and how it is celebrated, is therefore very important.

We are building on our previous learning about:

A range of RE Christmas topics, including *gifts* (Year 1/2), *the true meaning* (Year 3/4) and *the incarnation* (Years 1-4).

Experiences we will have:

- Create and share presentations about Christmas traditions
- Class debate—can you celebrate Christmas without the Christian meaning?

Subject Specific Vocabulary:

celebrations	humanity	relevance
traditions	origin	Immanuel
nativity	magi	prophecy
incarnation	divine	forgiveness
miracles		

Important questions to answer:

- How are different events celebrated?
- Do Christmas traditions help us to understand what Christians are celebrating?
- What was the incarnation?
- What origins do Christmas traditions have?
- Does it matter if people celebrate Christmas without the Christian meaning?

Things we need to know:

- To know how different events and festivals are celebrated by different people
- To know what Christmas traditions are upheld around the world
- To know what incarnation means
- To know the origins of some Christmas traditions
- To know the opinions of my classmates about Christmas traditions

Skills we need to learn:

- I can record how different events and festivals are celebrated
- I can analyse if Christmas traditions help us understand what is being celebrated
- I can explain what the incarnation was
- I can research and present the origins of Christmas traditions
- I can debate whether Christmas can be celebrated without the Christian meaning