

Year 4 Unit 2 RE Knowledge Organiser - The Birth of Jesus

These stories are important to Christians: God became part of the human world

The First Christmas: Jesus is Born

1. Many schools have a Nativity to show the birth of Jesus. Christians believe he is the Messiah.
2. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke tell the story of the birth of Jesus.
3. Mary and Joseph were from Nazareth.
4. Jesus was born in a little town called Bethlehem.
5. Mary was given special news from the angel Gabriel - she will give birth to a special son.
6. The Roman Emperor Augustus decreed that all people had to be recorded by census.
7. Joseph came from Bethlehem - that is why Mary and Joseph travelled there.
8. The Jewish King David also came from Bethlehem - the Davidic line.
9. There was no room at the Inn.
10. Mary and Joseph had to stay with the animals.
11. Jesus was born among the animals and wrapped in swaddling clothes.
12. Christians believe Jesus was the most special baby ever to have been born.



People at the Birth of Jesus

The Shepherds Visit Jesus: Luke's Gospel

1. The poor shepherds came from the fields and hills that surrounded the little town of Bethlehem.
2. The angels appeared to the shepherds.
3. Saviour, Christ and Lord are all special titles for Jesus
4. The shepherds found the special baby and told Mary what they had seen. Mary thought about them.

The Wise Men Visit Jesus: Matthew's Gospel

1. The rich men were from a faraway land in the East.
2. They had seen a new star appear and followed it.
3. They went to Jerusalem.
4. The new star was a sign that a king had been born.
5. King Herod was furious - he said that he was the King of the Jews.
6. He asked the Magi to find the baby so he could worship him too.
7. The Magi set off for Bethlehem.
8. They fell on their knees and adored the baby Jesus.
9. They brought expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
10. The Wise Men did not return to King Herod.

Mary and Joseph Came to Egypt

1. The angel came to Joseph when he was asleep.
2. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt until Herod was dead.
3. Herod ordered every baby boy to be killed in Judea.



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Vocabulary

1 New Testament	The story of Jesus and the people who followed him
2 Old Testament	The Jewish bible - before the coming of Jesus
3 Testament	A special agreement between God and the people
4 Nativity	Birth
5 Holy Bible	Christian holy book
6 Decree	Command by the Emperor
7 Census	Collection of population information
8 Swaddling	Strips of cloth wrapped tightly around the baby to keep him safe and warm
9 Pondered	Thought about
10 Magi	Men who studied the stars
11 Adored	To worship someone as if they were a god
12 Holy Family	The family of Jesus; Mary, Joseph and Jesus
13 Incarnation	God becoming human
14 God took flesh	God became part of the human world
15 Advent	Waiting for Jesus to arrive: the time before Christmas
16 Symbolise	To be a symbol of