



Christmas **L.O.** To explore the **Christian belief of** incarnation through the **Christmas story.**



Christmas Mindmap



Take a few minutes to create a <u>mind</u> <u>map</u> answering these questions:

What is Christmas to you? How do people celebrate it? What is Christmas all about?















Christmas Cards

In pairs or small groups retell the Biblical Christmas story with the Christmas cards

Who are the different characters involved? What is significant about them?







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The Brick Testament The Story of Thristmas

Luke 1:28 The angel came to Mary and said,



Luke 1:29 Mary was greatly troubled by his words, and wondered what this sort of greeting might mean.





Luke 2:1,3-5

About this time, Caesar Augustus ordered a census of the entire Roman Empire, and so everyone went to their own towns to be registered. Because he was a descendant of King David, Joseph set out from Nazareth to the town of David, called Bethlehem, to register with his pregnant fiancée Mary.



Luke 2:6-7

It happened, while they were there, that the time came for her to have the baby, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.



Luke 2:8

There were some shepherds out in the nearby fields, keeping watch over their flock at night.



Luke 2:9

An angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. The shepherds were terrified.



Listen, a Saviour has been born to you today who is Christ the Lord. Here is your sign: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.





Luke 2:13-14 Suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host was there with the angel, praising God and saying,





Luke 2:16 So the shepherds left in a hurry.





Luke 2:16 And they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the manger.





Luke 2:17-18

Having seen the baby, the shepherds shared their story about what they had seen and heard, and all who heard it marvelled at the things that the shepherds told them.



Matthew 2:1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of King Herod, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. The star that they had seen rising went on before them until it came to a stop over the place where the child was.



Matthew 2:11

They came into the house and saw the young child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshipped him. Opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Myrrh



1.20.11

Frankincense



EVERY STORY POINTS TO JESUS.



Christmas prophecies

Listen to the prophesies and match them with the correct statement about Jesus.



<u>Click here to hear</u> <u>The Prophesies</u>

Prophesies that came true in Jesus





Christmas prophecies

But you, Bethlehem, are one of the smallest towns in Judah. But from you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people. (Micah) But the Lord himself will give you a sign: The young woman will be pregnant. She will have a son, and she will name him Immanuel. (Isaiah)

> I called my son out of Egypt (Hosea)

He willingly gave up his life. He was treated like a criminal. But he carried away the sins of many people. And he asked forgiveness for those who sinned. (Isaiah)

The blind will be able to see and the deaf will hear. The lame will leap and dance and those who cannot speak will shout for joy. (Isaiah)



Gerard (Gerrit) van Honthorst (1590-1656), Adoration of the Shepherds

Incarnation means 'in the body' God in human form





















Your task:

Design an advert for what Christians believe to be the <u>true meaning</u> of Christmas. Your poster can be a combination of Sacred and Secular Christmas celebrations, but <u>must</u> point to the Christian message about Jesus' birth.



CHRISTMAS







For you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is christ the Lord. Luke 2:11































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Christmas is a special time for Christians. It reminds them how much God loves everyone!

Enough to become one of us!





