



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE	WST TEACHER/DATE
Christmas	KS1	Mrs Tricia Bastable/Mrs Johanna Jordan
AIM: To understand why Christmas is important to Christians. LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To explore the Christmas story and to understand why remembering Jesus' birth is important to Christians.	MAIN AREAS OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Other AOL covered: Symbols and actions Sources of wisdom Ultimate questions	LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: Story script Knitted nativity characters PPT with video link https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/the-greatest-journey/ Worksheet to photocopy Word banks Jigsaw puzzles (ext) School to provide: Photocopies of the worksheet Colouring pencils

Introduction

We are going to be thinking about the story of Christmas from the Bible, the special book Christians read. Many people celebrate Christmas around the world. Ask the pupils whether they are excited about Christmas and what they like most about Christmas?

The reason we celebrate Christmas is that we remember the birth of Jesus. Christians believe that the story of Jesus' birth in the Bible is a true story and they want to remember this event every year because they believe that Jesus is God's son. Show a small gift box with baby Jesus in it. Christians believe that Jesus was God's gift to the world.

Main content

Ask children if they know any characters from the story. Match their responses with the relevant visual aid (knitted characters). Ask children who are sitting nicely to hold each of the characters until they are needed in the story.

Use the PowerPoint, interactive story and the knitted nativity figures to tell the Christmas story. See the story script for further details.

Discuss:

- How are Joseph and Mary feeling (at different point in the story)?
- Why did Joseph and Mary have to travel to Bethlehem?
- How did the shepherds/wise men feel when they heard the news of Jesus' birth?
- Did anything surprise you in the story?
- What do you think is special about Jesus?

Christians believe that Jesus was God's son who came into the world so that people could be friends with God again. For Christians the most important part of Christmas is remembering the birth of Jesus. They believe that Jesus is God's special gift to the world.

Optional:

Further discuss why Christians believe that Jesus was so special and which events in the Christmas story (i.e. appearance of angels, a star that showed the way, special visitors) showed that Jesus was special. Christians believe that Jesus was and is a king. A servant king who served and helped his people, a loving king who told them about God's love for them, a suffering king who died on the cross to forgive people, and an everlasting king who still reigns in heaven and looks after people on earth.

Activity

Create a story board with 4 pictures to retell the story of Jesus' birth. Finish the sentences in each box using the word bank.

Extension/enrichment activities

Jigsaw puzzles

Plenary

What was so special about the baby Jesus? Christians believe that Christmas is the time to celebrate Jesus' birth because Jesus is the son of God who came into the world to help us be friends with God.

Show the video clip of the Greatest Journey <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/the-greatest-journey/>

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions

What was the good news of Jesus' birth?

Class teacher's notes