

# Year 2 - Autumn 2 RE Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Light of the world

*Links to other year groups:* Yr 1 What does it mean to belong? (Christianity and Judaism), Yr5 The True Meaning of Christmas. Yr 6 Christmas around the world

**ENQUIRY QUESTION:** Why do Christians believe Jesus is 'the light of the world' and how might they symbolise this in their Christmas celebrations?

## Key Vocabulary:

**Celebration**

**Festival**

Christmas

Advent

Hope

Joy

Peace

Love

Christingle

Advent Candle

Menorah

Hanukkah (the Festival of the Lights)

**Worship**

**Faith/Belief**

**Pray**

**Respect**

**Similarities**

**Differences**

## Timeline-when did this happen?

Jesus was born just over 2000 years ago. The Nativity Story states he was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

The Christian religion began following the crucifixion of Jesus in the 1st century AD.

## Essential Knowledge:

By the end of this theme pupils will know:

- Describe how Hanukkah is celebrated in a Jewish home.
- Describe how Christmas is celebrated in a Christian home.
- Use appropriate religious vocabulary such as Christingle, Advent Candle, Christmas, Menorah, Hanukkah etc.
- Suggest reasons explaining why Jesus might be called the 'light of the world'.
- Identify symbols of light in both festivals suggesting reasons for them.

## Religious stories covered:

- The Nativity Story
- The story of Hanukkah

## Linked British Values:

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance**  
(comparing and learning about different beliefs)

**Individual Liberty** (right to believe in what you want)

## SMSC Links:

**Spiritual:** Explore the idea of celebrating special times. Pupils reflect on their own experience of celebrations. Is it better to give or receive a gift?

**Moral:** Explore with pupils which celebrations are valuable and why.

**Social:** Explore how Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrated in the wider world.

**Cultural:** Explore how Hanukkah and Christmas are celebrated in the world today.



## Key Symbols/People (including those relevant to individual stories)

### Jesus

The Nativity Story-(Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Shepherds), Star of Bethlehem

The Story of Hanukkah-Judah Maccabee, Antiochus.

## Special Book/Scriptures

The Bible

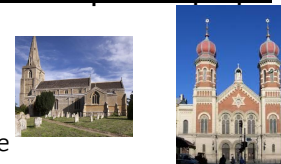
The Torah



## Place(s) of Worship / How people worship:

Church

Synagogue



## Links to Barbara Wintergill's Big Ideas

Words and Beyond  
Making Sense of Life's Experiences