

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), Yr 5 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