

All Saints Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

RE Focus

**Christianity:
Christmas**

Rubies: Year 3/4

Autumn 2

What? (Key Knowledge)

Christingle

The orange represents the world, the candle is to remind Christians of Jesus as they believe he is the light of the world. The red ribbon goes all around the 'world' and reminds Christians that Jesus died because it symbolises His blood. The four cocktail sticks have two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world and the sweets or dried fruit symbolise God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.

Symbols from the nativity story

The angel symbolises that Jesus was a special gift from God /the Incarnation of God. The wise men and the Shepherds are a contrast between rich and poor, symbolising that Jesus is a gift from God to everyone. Gold is a precious metal symbolising how precious Jesus is and represents his Kingship. The stable represents humble beginnings.

Attainment Targets

- I can describe one thing a Christian might learn about Jesus from a Christmas symbol.
- I can ask questions about what Christmas means to Christians and compare this with what it means to me.

Key Questions

- What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?
- What symbols are there in the Christmas story and what meaning do they have?

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling

Definition

Angel

A spiritual being that serves as a messenger from God. God's messenger to Mary was called the Angel Gabriel.

Frankincense

A fragrant ingredient used in perfumes.

Three Wise Men

Gentile sages who visited Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Bethlehem shortly after the birth of Jesus. They were guided by a star and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Myrrh

Myrrh was used in perfumes and in Jesus' day was an embalming ointment which symbolises his death.

Incarnation

Represented in flesh i.e. Jesus was the incarnation of God.

Possible experiences

- Outdoor Learning – Make a Christingle using natural materials.
- Make your own religious Christmas tree decoration.



The Nativity scene