



**Unit of work:**

Why do Christians think about incarnation at Christmas?

**Year group:**

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**Prior learning:**

- Children know the Nativity story and the significance of each character
- Jesus is the only son of God
- Jesus is a leader and a healer

**RE skills to develop:**

- I can describe religions and world views, connecting my ideas and prior learning.
- I can consider and discuss examples of key leaders in stories from different faiths as peacemakers and what this means.

**Knowledge/skills**

**What is Christingle?**

**Christingle** is a candle-lit, festive celebration that's perfect for bringing families and communities together. The celebration is named after the **Christingles** that are lit during the celebration. **Christingles** are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

**Vocabulary and definitions**

| Word               | Definition  |
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| Incarnation        | <b>Is the belief that Jesus, who is the non-created second person of the triune God; took on a human body and everything that is human and became both man and God.</b>   |
| Prince of Peace    | Jesus alone is able to restore every broken relationship, provide a well-ordered and balanced life, and offer assurance of eternal life.  |
| Christingle        | Is a symbolic object used in the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services of many Christian denominations. <b>Christingle</b> , from a word of German origin, Christkindl, <b>meaning</b> 'Little Christ <b>Child</b> ', is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World". |
| Word made Flesh    | The premise of the Bible is that the God who created the universe wants to be known by human beings. ... God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has <b>made</b> God known" (1:18). We speak of this idea of the <b>Word</b> becoming <b>flesh</b> as the Incarnation.           |
| Gaudete'           | Is a Latin verb that <b>means</b> rejoice. Gaudete Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent.  |
| Pilgrim/Pilgrimage | A person who travels to a holy place as an act of religious devotion.<br><br>A pilgrimage is when people travel to a place of worship that is usually far away and is done for spiritual or religious reasons.  |
| Worship            | To honour or respect as a divine being  |

**Key Concepts**

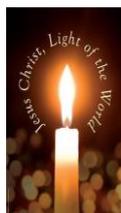
Incarnation of Jesus



Prince of Peace



Jesus the Light of the World



**Artefacts and symbols**

