



**Unit of work:**

Why is Christmas celebrated by Christians?

**Year group:**

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**Prior learning**

- Christians believe in God and I have explored my views about God
- Jesus is a special person for Christians and can tell you about his birth
- Churches are special places for Christians where they can worship
- I can tell you about special events including Christmas and Easter
- The Bible is a special book for Christians
- I can talk about my own experiences and can link these to the communities to which I belong.

**RE skills to develop**

- I can talk about a practice from a religion.
- I can retell a religious story using prompts and know that it is from a sacred text and is special to some people.
- I can talk about my own experiences and can link these to the communities to which I belong.

**Knowledge/ Skills**

**The king's gifts:**

**Gold** was a valuable gift fit for a King.

**Frankincense** has a pleasant smell and to calm people down. It can also represent prayers going to God. This oil was to show that Jesus was a holy man.

**Myrrh** was used when someone died and it was a way to show love and care.

**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
angels	Angels are powerful, smart spirits that obey God's commands and praise him with singing. They sometimes appear to humans in human form
Christmas	The annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth on the 25 <sup>th</sup> December.
Frankincense	Frankincense is a white resin or gum Frankincense was often used in worship, in the burning of incense, by the priests.
Gold	Gold is a precious metal and as such was a very valuable product.
Myrrh	Myrrh is a spice which was commonly used in ancient times. It is made from sweet smelling sap which is obtained from several species of tree. The trees are found in parts of Africa and the Middle East, including Yemen and Ethiopia.
Nativity	A picture, carving, or model representing Jesus Christ's birth.
Saviour	A person who saves someone or something from difficulty or danger.

**Significant people:**

Baby Jesus



Angels



**Symbols**

