

PROGRESSION OF CURRICULUM FOR CHRISTMAS (INCARNATION)

YEAR EYFS	
Read and act out the nativity story.	Create the Nativity scene and the main characters.
Retell through play and performance the nativity story.	Enjoy and join in with singing Christian Christmas songs.

YEAR 1
Begin to explain that Christians believe that Jesus is God and that He was born as a baby in Bethlehem.
After exploring the story of Mary and Joseph on a journey and the events around the birth of Jesus, sequence the main events and include significant characters.
Know that the Bible points out that Jesus' birth was extraordinary and special. (For example, He is worshipped as a king in Matthew)
Begin to understand that Jesus was bringing good news (the angels said he would bring good news).
Understand that Christmas is when Christians celebrate Jesus' birth.
Understand that Advent for Christians is a time of getting ready for Jesus' coming.

YEAR 2

Pupils can give a clear account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important to Christians.	Understand and explain why Christmas is a time when people put up decorations (discuss different traditions that children experience).	Create paper chains of thankfulness for things we can be thankful for.
Children can give examples of how Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their actions at Christmas.	Understand and explain why Christmas is a time for giving.	Focus on the accounts of the wise men who gave presents because Jesus was a king.
Children should think about thankfulness in relation to the Christmas story, Christians are thankful that Jesus came to earth to tell people how to live.	Understand that Christians give their life and heart to Jesus.	Look at Nativity scenes from around the world, how are they the same/different?

YEAR 3

Use and understand words to describe Jesus in his incarnation:
Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, Jesus, Wonderful, Saviour, Counsellor, God with us, Mighty God

Children explore and know the stories using the book – The longest Wait (Bible Society): <i>Anna and Simeon wait for Jesus</i> <i>Jesus is presented at the temple</i> <i>A prophecy fulfilled</i>	Create artwork to illustrate the stories.
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YEAR 4

Using John chapter 1, understand why Jesus came and how the whole Trinity had a part to play. .	Create kennings poems showing the different roles in the incarnation.	Utilise: Resources 2A3. Sheet 2 Link 'God is best seen in Jesus who is God in human form' to the concept of Incarnation.	Complete Christmas Light craft.
Understand that Christians believe that God came to earth as Jesus and so they celebrate Christmas day. .	Know that Christians believe that Jesus was on a rescue mission to save humanity.	Explore the idea that 'the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light'.	Explain why Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' and why Christians believe God is full of love and light.

YEAR 5

For Christians Christmas is a celebration of the arrival of a Messiah.	Discuss: Many Christians argue that Christmas lost its real meaning.	Know of words associated with Christmas and their secular/ Christian origins.	
It is crucial that the children realise that Christians do not believe that Jesus was a prophet from the Old Testament or a messenger, but instead God made flesh.	How do Christians celebrate Christmas?	Create art work based on traditional Christmas carols and their message.	
What do Christians believe is the real meaning?	Write out a script for Christmas plans in two households - one secular, one Christian.	Find out ways that Christians use Christmas to bring peace and good news and show Jesus' love to others.	Children to understand the place of Jesus as central to the BIG STORY of the Bible, God's rescue mission for humanity.

Year 6			
Explain connections between Biblical texts and why Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah when the Jews are still waiting for Him.	Weigh up how much the world needs a messiah, sharing their own insight.	The prophecies foretell that a baby will be born in unusual circumstances who is God incarnate.	
Show how Christians express their beliefs about Jesus as the Prince of Peace and as one who transforms lives, through bringing peace and transformation in the world.	Biblical prophecies about the coming messiah. Illuminated texts of the major prophecies. Biblical texts- Hannah Dunnet style.	Explore the Bible making connections to Incarnation: Isaiah 7:14, 9 v 1-2, 9 v 6-7, 11 v 1-5 Micah 5 v 2.	