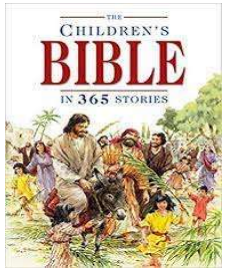
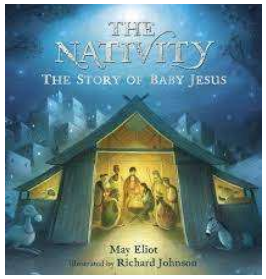


Knowledge Mat – Christianity

Christmas - Is the Christmas Story true?





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- The Christmas Story is also called 'The Nativity'. In this story, an angel appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to have a baby and that he would be the Son of God.
- Christians believe that the Christmas Story is significant. However, some Christians view the story in a metaphorical way while other Christians believe the story is literally true.
- Churches prepare to celebrate the arrival of Jesus during Advent. They wear purple and decorate the church in purple to symbolises royalty, this also reminds Christians that Advent is a time for prayer, reflection and preparation.
- Interpretations of the Nativity are different in the Bible. St Matthew's account of The Christmas Story focuses on power, the importance of the star after Jesus's birth along with a more detailed account of the Wise men and the gifts they gave. Mathew also mentions Herod.
- St Luke focussed more on the poor and the vulnerable people, on the census that brought Mary and Joseph back to Bethlehem. The shepherds are in Luke's version, but not Mathew's, Luke does mention not the wise men, but does focus on the place where Jesus stayed and how he was lay in a manger.

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Nativity - The story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Gospel – The record of Christ's life and teachings in the first four books of the New Testament.

Advent – The time of waiting for Christmas, which marks the arrival of Jesus to earth. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to the 30th November and lasts until Christmas Eve.

St Mathew – One of the twelve apostles of Jesus. St Mathew wrote the first book in the New Testament.

St Luke – One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, who wrote the third book of the New Testament.

Interpret – To decide the meaning of something based upon the evidence you have. People may interpret things in different ways.

Recount – Retell the events of something that has happened.

Compare – To find similarities and differences between things.

Further Information

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-KS2-christmas/z4xcjhv
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