


# Why do we Perform a Nativity Play?

<p><b>Key Religion:</b> <b>Christianity</b></p> 	<p><b>Key Vocabulary:</b></p> <p>Jesus Nativity Christmas Incarnation</p>	<p><b>Key Concepts: Incarnation</b></p> <p>Christians believe God came to Earth in human form as Jesus. Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God.</p> <p>Incarnation means 'God in a human body'</p> <p>Christians believe that Jesus is God's son. Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday.</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Classroom Provision:</b></p> <p>Book area to investigate - children's Bibles, Christmas story books and Christmas cards or a story sack.</p> <p>Writing/mark-making - names of nativity characters to copy as labels or making a poster advertising their nativity play, making invitations to their nativity play</p> <p>ICT/technology Creating nativity scenes for Christmas cards or camera to take photos of themselves as nativity characters</p> <p>Role play - nativity character costumes for dressing up in a 'stable' area</p> <p>Sand/malleable pastry to roll for mince pies/ playdough for figure-making.</p> <p>Sand and figures to re-enact the Three Wise Men coming across the dessert to see Jesus.</p> <p>Creative area - making nativity Christmas cards or invitations to Jesus' birthday party.</p> <p>Listening corner - nativity story and nativity-type Christmas songs/carols to listen to or singing and recording themselves singing carols.</p> <p>Construction/outside - large materials for building a stable or crib for the baby</p>		<p><b>Key connections:</b></p> <p>Who are superheros or VIP's?</p> <p>What makes someone special?</p> <p>How am I special?</p> <p>Who is Jesus?</p> <p>What makes him special?</p> <p>How are birthday's celebrated?</p> <p>How is Christmas celebrated?</p> <p>What would you see in a church?</p> <p>What is the symbol for Christianity?</p>

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## Key Knowledge

<b>Who is Jesus?</b> God's son	<b>What is a nativity play about?</b> Jesus's birth	<b>Why is Christmas day special?</b> Jesus was born
<b>Who is in a nativity play?</b> Answers can include - Three Wise men, shepherds, sheep, Mary, Joseph, a star	<b>How do Christians celebrate Christmas?</b> Answers might include - giving presents, sending Christmas cards, going to church, performing nativity plays.	<b>Can you tell one part of the nativity story?</b> Answers might include - a star shone over the stable, wise men visited Jesus, Jesus was born in a stable, shepherds visited Jesus.

## Learning Journey

Future Learning	Reception	KS1
<b>Christianity</b>	How do people celebrate?  Why do we perform a nativity play?	How do festivals bring people together? Children will study Easter, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Eid, Diwali, Shabbat. Why does Christmas matter to Christians? By the end of year 2 children will be able: To use the word Christian when talking about people who worship in a church Understand that Jesus is a very special baby to Christians because he is the Son of God. Identify the local church as a place of Christian Worship. To identify different ways Christian's celebrate Christmas e.g. signing carols, sending cards, attending church and to identify evidence of Christmas in the school. To understand that advent is a time to get ready for Jesus coming. To explain some of the symbolism in a Christingle or advent wreath. To describe how a Christian belief in the nativity story can influence their actions at Christmas e.g. thankfulness and giving.