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<p><b>Key Vocabulary:</b></p> <p>Christmas Christian Church Religion Celebration Nativity Advent Christingle Carols incarnation</p>	<p><b>Christianity</b></p> <p><b>Key Concept:</b></p> <p><b>Incarnation</b></p>  <p>Christmas is a Christian celebration on 25<sup>th</sup> December. It remembers the day Jesus was born. Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Christians prepare for Christmas during advent</p>	<p><b>How is Christmas celebrated?</b></p> <p>People share a special meal Presents and/ or cards are given Some people attend Church for services e.g. advent, carols, prayers Decoration e.g. lights can be put in homes and the community. Christians prepare for Christmas during advent. Nativity plays can be performed</p>
 <p><b>Advent</b> Churches prepare to celebrate the arrival of Jesus during Advent. They wear purple and decorate the church in purple as it symbolises royalty and reminds Christians that Advent is a time for prayer, reflection and preparation. Advent calendars, wreaths and candles are different ways of counting down to Jesus' birthday.</p> 	 <p>Christmas trees symbolise the everlasting life of God Mistletoe is a symbol of peace and joy and is used to show friendship and goodwill.</p>	<p><b>Christingle</b></p> <p>The orange - the world Red ribbon - blood of Christ Candle - Jesus is the light of the world The 4 cocktail sticks with fruit and sweets - the 4 seasons and all of God's creation.</p>  <p><b>Nativity</b> The story of the birth of Jesus. Christians believe this story teaches them thankfulness and forgiving.</p>

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## Key Knowledge:

What happens during advent? Christians prepare for Christmas	Name a Christian festival Possible answers: Harvest Festival Christmas Christingle	What does the Christingle Symbolise? Give 2 examples Suitable answers include: The orange - the world Red ribbon - blood of Christ Cande - Jesus is the light of the world The 4 cocktail sticks with fruit and sweets - the 4 seasons and all of God's creation.	How might a Christian celebrate Christmas? Give 3 examples Accept any 3 suitable answers e.g. People share a special meal Presents and/ or cards are given Some people attend Church for services e.g. advent, carols, prayers Decoration e.g. lights can be put in homes and the community. Christians prepare for Christmas during advent. Nativity plays can be performed
What is a nativity play? A story telling the birth of Jesus	Who do Christians believe Jesus is? The son of God		

## Learning Journey:

Prior and Future Learning	Reception	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
<b>Christianity, Islam and Hinduism</b>	How do people celebrate?  Why do we perform a nativity play?	How do festivals bring people together? Why does Easter matter to Christians?  Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	Why do Christians call the day Jesus dies Good Friday? What does it mean to belong to the Christian community?	Why is Christianity so diverse? Was Jesus the messiah? What would Jesus do? What did Jesus do to save human beings? How does being Christian influence daily life?