


Unit Question	Religion(s) Covered
Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?	Christianity

Year Group: Reception

Suggested Hours: 6 hours

Key Vocabulary	RE Skills	Points to Note
Christmas Bethlehem Jesus Mary Joseph star stable donkey gold inn frankincense myrrh	Characteristics of Effective Learning  Resources: <a href="http://www.retoday.org.uk">www.retoday.org.uk</a> Good programmes from BBC Teach (RE) <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks1religious-studies/zmtvwtv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks1religious-studies/zmtvwtv</a>	Please be familiar with the stories before the session so consideration can be given to any sensitive language which you may want to amend.  The main celebration of Christmas is God's gift of his son Jesus to the world not us giving presents to each other or receiving presents from Father Christmas

Chattertub	
Pictures of the Nativity from around the world 3D nativity scene characters (including animals) straw 'Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy' card Birthday cake Birthday candle Christmas cards Wrapped gift Baby items: dummy, rattle Heart Star Happy Birthday banner CD of Christmas songs/carols	
	
<b>Key Question 1:</b> How do we celebrate when a new baby is born?	Share experiences of a new baby make a collection of baby things in the chatter tub . Show photos of babies from around the world or a book of babies around the world. Discuss where they live, sleep etc
<b>Key Question 2:</b> Why was Jesus a special baby?	Tell the Nativity story and look at different books make a collection of the different books, sequence the Christmas story Role play area- nativity costumes have a birthday party for Jesus Design a nursery for Jesus

<b>Key Question 3: Who is the most important in the Christmas story?</b>	<p>Tell the Nativity story from a character who was there eg the innkeeper- 'Jesus' Christmas party', the shepherd- 'The Singing Shepherd'</p> <p>Hot seat the characters Use puppets, nativity models to retell the story from their point of view</p>
<b>Key Question 4: How do Christians celebrate Christmas?</b>	<p>Discuss what members of the class do at Christmas, explaining why they look forward to particular events. Explain how some Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday, by for example, preparing for it at Advent, Christingle services, carol services, making a crib scene in the home, special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the church. Use construction materials and animals to make a crib scene.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role-play/small world play with Nativity figures.</li> </ul> <p>Make a Bethlehem town using 3d shapes and use pictures on blocks of the characters to retell the story or use a wooden nativity set with characters- leave in continuous provision Pictures on stick, blocks etc in the sand. Make or photocopy a backdrop scene and 3d block Bethlehem Christmas traditions around the world</p> <p>make Christmas cards make christingles decorate Christmas trees use lots of Glitter and Sparkles Godly Play Write a Christmas prayer for others</p>
<b>Unit Assessment:</b>	<p>Sequence the story of the Nativity correctly</p>



