

Key Enquiry Question: Is the Christmas story true?

Learning Objective

- We are learning to evaluate different accounts of the Christmas story and understand that stories can be true in different ways.



| Key Vocabulary | Meaning |
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| True | To be accurate or exact. To be fact or reality. |
| Incarnation | The incarnation is the belief that Jesus took on a human body and everything that is human and became both man and God. |
| Gospel of Luke | The Gospel of Luke is a book of the Bible. Like the other gospels, the Gospel of Luke tells the stories of the life and teachings of Jesus. It is the third and longest book of the New Testament |
| Gospel of Matthew | The Gospel of Matthew is a book of the Bible. (Its full name is the Gospel According to Matthew, but it is often called the Gospel of Matthew or just Matthew). It is one of the four gospels of the New Testament that tell the story of Jesus' life and teachings. |
| New Testament | The New Testament is part of the Christian Bible, and the most important religious writing of Christianity. It tells the story of Jesus Christ, his followers, and the beginnings of Christianity. |
| Bethlehem | Bethlehem is an ancient town in the Middle East. It is important to Christians, who believe it is where Jesus Christ was born. Bethlehem lies just outside the city of Jerusalem. It is located in an area called the West Bank. |

Sticky Knowledge

- Christmas is a Christian holy day that marks the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Christmas is celebrated each year on 25th December.
- Mary was visited by an angel who told her that she would give birth to a baby called Jesus. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem because Joseph and Mary had travelled there to take part in a census which the Roman rulers had ordered.
- Christians celebrate Christmas each year to show their gratitude to God for what he did, to remember the birth of Jesus Christ by giving gifts, worshipping him and thinking of the poor and less fortunate.