

Unit 4.2: Christmas

Why is Jesus described as the light of the world?

Christian Concepts

God – Creation – Fall – People of God – INCARNATION – Gospel – SALVATION – Kingdom of God

The aim of this unit is to:

- give pupils an understanding of the Christian belief that Jesus is the, 'Light of the World'.
- explore the multi-faceted metaphor of bringing light into people's lives.

Christian Values

Hope, Peace

Key Skills

Reflect, Empathise, Apply, Interpret, Investigate

Key Questions

- Why is Jesus described as the Light of the World?
- What does the light do to the dark?
- Why is light such a powerful symbol?
- Is light a good metaphor for Jesus?
- The sun already lights the world so how can Jesus be the light?
- In what ways do the actions of Christians show the light of Jesus in the world today?
- Why do people of faith light candles?

Key Experiences

Discussing the key questions.

Sitting in a darkened room in candlelight.

Considering how Jesus and the actions of his followers brings light into people's lives.

Key Vocabulary

Jesus, light, candles, Christingle, Light of the World, Saviour and incarnation, Dreidel, Hanukkah, Hannukiah, Jerusalem, Temple.

Link to World Faiths

Why is light an important symbol in World Faiths?

Judaism