

# EYFS 4: Christmas

## How do Christians Celebrate Jesus' birthday?

### Christian Concepts

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

The aim of this unit is to:

- explore the nativity story in a variety of ways and ensure pupils know that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.

#### Christian Values

Love, Joy, Hope

#### Key Vocabulary

Christmas, Jesus, Bethlehem, Mary, Joseph, shepherds and star

#### Key Questions

- What is a birthday?
- When is your birthday?
- In what ways do you celebrate your birthday?
- How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday?
- Why was Jesus a special baby?

#### Link to Understanding Christianity

Understanding Christianity Unit F2 Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

#### Link to World Faiths

Why do Hindus light candles at Diwali?

#### Content to be covered in this unit

Discussing all the different ways in which we celebrate the birthdays of people of all ages.

If possible arrange the visit of a baby to your classroom and/or a collection of baby items.

Talk about the ways in which the children will be celebrating Christmas.

Tell and retell the story of the nativity several times using different storytelling techniques.

Clearly emphasise that for Christians Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Look at the ways in which the local church is going to celebrate Christmas. Invite the vicar/minister and/or a member of the congregation to visit and describe the celebrations.

The story of Anna and Simeon (Luke 2:21-40)

Exploring the Hindu Festival of Diwali