

## Grange Park Primary School Year 1 Autumn 2 Religious Education

### Christianity: How do Christians remember Jesus at Christmas?

#### Key Facts/Beliefs

Christianity is one of the five main world religions.

Jesus Christ is God's son and started Christianity.

Christians believe that there is one God: God the father, God the son and the Holy Spirit.

Sunday is the Christian day of rest.



#### Key Celebration: Christmas - Nativity

The Christmas Story (Nativity) tells how Jesus was born.

Jesus' parents were Mary and Joseph.

Mary was told that she would have a baby by a special messenger sent by God. His name was the Angel Gabriel.

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem to take part in a census.

The story also tells us about shepherds who came to sit by him in the stable. They were told to follow a star that stopped over the place where baby Jesus was born.

Baby Jesus was born in a manger as there was no room for Mary and Joseph to stay at the inn.

The three wise men were sent by King Herod and they arrived several days after the baby was born and left him gifts.

#### Christmas artefacts and symbols

<b>Candle</b>	Candles represent Jesus who is often called the 'Light of the World'
<b>Fir tree</b>	Fir trees are evergreen so they stay green all year round. Christians believe it is a symbol of God's everlasting love.
<b>Star</b>	The star of Bethlehem that guided the visitors to Jesus.
<b>Wreath</b>	The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes eternal life.



#### Christingle

Christingle is a festive celebration that takes place during advent.

Children light Christingles which are candles stuck in oranges.

The candle represents Jesus Christ 'the light of the world', the orange the world, the red ribbon the blood of Jesus Christ and the sweets represent the fruits of the Earth that God created.



#### Key Vocabulary

<b>Jesus Christ</b>	The son of God.
<b>Christmas</b>	A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.
<b>nativity</b>	The story of how Jesus was born.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	The town where Jesus was born.
<b>stable</b>	A building where horses are kept.
<b>manger</b>	A food trough for animals.
<b>advent</b>	The coming of Jesus. Many churches have an advent wreath with four candles for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.
<b>gold</b>	A gift from the three wise men. It showed that Jesus was King.
<b>frankincense</b>	A gift from the three wise men. It showed that Jesus was God on Earth.
<b>myrrh</b>	A gift from the three wise men. It showed that Jesus would one day die.
<b>census</b>	The act of counting all of the people.

