

What should I already know?

- The meaning of Christingle
- The meaning of Christmas

Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

Incarnation	God becoming man or literally being “made flesh”.
Christianity	Christians believe that Jesus was the Son of God and he came to Earth to show Gods love.
Christmas	The annual Christian festival celebrating Christ's birth, held on 25 December in the Western Church.
Symbol	A symbol is a mark, sign, or word that shows an idea, object, or relationship.
Jesus	The man who Christians believe is the son of God.
Angels	A spiritual being believed to act as an attendant, agent, or messenger of God.
Church	A building used for public Christian worship.
Christmas tree	An evergreen or artificial tree decorated with lights, tinsel, and other ornaments at Christmas.
Nativity	Nativity refers to the birth of a person, as well as the facts surrounding their birth.
Christingle	An ornament made in many homes and church at Christmas with significance to each part of it.

RE Skills:

Key question for this enquiry: What is the most important part of Nativity story for Christians today?

- To understand the symbolism in the Christmas story
- To understand what the different parts mean to Christmas today

Teaching Sequence

1. To understand why symbols are used.
2. To investigate how symbols signify the Christian meaning of Christmas (3 lessons)
3. To understand what Christmas means to Christians.
4. To design a Christingle.

Note: each of these lessons should take place over at least two sessions.

What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

Key Knowledge

No children



Abraham and Sarah longed for children, but they never could consive. Abraham was spoken to by God, he told him to leave his village and to go to a place which his son could live.

A long Journey



So Abraham, Sarah and some of his other family traveled through the desert. But along their journey many of his family began to loses faith in Abraham, so they returned to the village while Abraham and Sarah journeyed on.

A Suggestion



Sarah told Abraham that her slaves shall bear the child of Abraham. Abraham agreed and the slave fell pregnant. Shen gave birth to a boy named Ishmeal

A new child



The lords travelled to Abraham and Sarah, to tell them that Sarah shall carry a son, Issac, he will be the hier of Abraham. Sarah was so happy

Issac is born



Issac is born and then Sarah decides to banish Ishmeal and the slave. Abraham reluctantly agrees Issac is raised a and all is well.

God's command



God commands Abraham to kill Issac as a sacrifice to God, Abraham agrees and takes Issac to the mountain where he begins to lift the dagger when God tells him to stop. God tells Abraham it was a test of his loyalty.

The Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

—Exodus 20:1-17

