

Year 2 RE – Term 2
Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

What should I already know?

Talk about a gift that is special to me
Remember some of the Christmas story.
Suggest a gift I would give to Jesus.

RE Skills:

Say how I could help solve a problem by showing love.
Remember the Christmas story and start to explain that Christians believe Jesus was a gift from God.
Tell you why Christians think God gave Jesus to the world.

Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

Agape	Agape is universal love, such as the love for strangers, nature, or God. It is also called charity
Trinity	God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit.
Incarnation	God becoming man or literally being “made flesh”.
Salvation	The saving of a person from sin.
Samaritan	A person from Samaria, a country near where Jesus was teaching.
Christmas	Christmas is a Christian holy day that marks the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe to be the Son of God.

- Teaching Sequence
1. To explain why Jesus was a gift from God.
 2. To explain how I could help solve a problem by showing love and kindness.
 3. To discuss why Christmas is important to Christians.
 4. To explore how Christians prepare for Christmas.

Key Knowledge

Trinity: complete relationship between God (the Father), Jesus (his son) and the Holy Spirit. The three are “consubstantial”, which means that they exist separately and together as one

God became incarnate at Christmas and bought God’s love for the world to earth in human form.

This enquiry also reflects the concept of salvation: Christians believe that God gave the gift of his son to humanity in order to save them from sin and open up a pathway back to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus

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The birth of Jesus was not how the Jews traditionally thought the Messiah would come and lead them. Because of the Roman occupation, they hoped a Messiah would be an earthly king who would free them.

Christians believe God sent his son as a very different type of King to that which the Jewish people were expecting. They believe Jesus bought love which can be called agape. Agape can be defined as unselfish concern for the welfare of others. It incites a Christian to love their neighbour as themselves.