

Topic: Christmas in the Bible

Learning Objectives	Content	Activities	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore the account of the Nativity as told in Matthew and Luke. To explore who Christians believe Jesus is. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Separate the biblical and non-biblical aspects of Christmas Mary and Gabriel (Luke 1) Joseph (Matthew 1) Shepherds (Luke 2) and Wisemen (Matthew 2) Gifts for Jesus (Matthew 2) Assessment Task 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm what the children associate with Christmas – separate these into biblical and non-biblical concepts. (You may want to use Christmas cards / advent calendars to prompt discussion). Use the Big Christmas quiz on RE:QUEST as an introduction to the next 5 lessons. Read the passage from Luke 1 How would Mary be feeling? Write a letter from Mary to Elizabeth describing what has happened. Using the films from RE:QUEST as background information – read Matthew 	
<p>Key Themes</p>	<p>Assessment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how God ‘talks to people.’ 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incarnation Messiah Saviour Symbolism 	<p>Either write a modern-day version of the Christmas story that still contains the symbolism of the gospel accounts.</p> <p>Or design a gift that you would give to Jesus – think about the symbolism of the wise men’s gifts.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ birth – compare the accounts of the visitors in Matthew and Luke. Investigate who the gospels were written for initially. What do these visitors tell us about Jesus? Discuss the symbolism of the gifts the wise men gave. What does each one say about Jesus’ life? Design a Christmas card that reflects who Christians believe Jesus is. 	