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## **WHAT IS INCARNATION?**

### **WHY DO CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN THE INCARNATION OF JESUS?**

RE:quest is full of amazing resources, all prepared to help you get a better understanding of Christianity. In this project we are going to find out what incarnation is. We'll also see if there is proof that Jesus was a real person, before reading some verses from the Bible to see why Christians believe that He was both human and God.

Use the PDF presentation to guide you through the task and this sheet to write your answers on.

**STARTER:** Being Human

**What makes us human? Make a list of your ideas in the box below:**

How do we know Jesus existed?

**Explain what the Bible tells us about Jesus' life.**

**Do you think this historical evidence proves that Jesus existed? Why/why not? Refer to the evidence in your answer.**

**Why do people think Jesus was human?**

<b>EVIDENCE THAT JESUS WAS HUMAN</b>	
<b>Bible Extract</b>	<b>Which human quality does this show?</b>
'She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.' Luke 2:7	
'As they were sailing, Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly a strong wind blew down on the lake, and the boat began to fill with water, so that they were all in great danger. ' Luke 8:23	
'After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry.' Matthew 4:2	
'An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. In great anguish he prayed even more fervently; his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.' Luke 22:43-44	
'One of the soldiers plunged his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water poured out.' John 19:34	
'I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.' John 15:11	
'Jesus was angry as he looked around at them, but at the same time he felt sorry for them, because they were so stubborn and wrong...' Mark 3:5	
'Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Grief and anguish came over him, 38 and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch with me.' Matthew 26:36-38	

**Why do Christians think that Jesus was God?**

<b>EVIDENCE THAT JESUS WAS GOD</b>	
<b>Bible Extract</b>	<b>How does this show that Jesus was God?</b>
'...therefore, the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.' Luke 1:35	
'Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." Matthew 3:17	
'Again, the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of God?' And Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Mark 14:61-62	
'Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. After spitting on the man's eyes, Jesus placed his hands on him and asked him, "Can you see anything?" The man looked up and said, "Yes, I can see people, but they look like trees walking around." Jesus again placed his hands on the man's eyes. This time the man looked intently, his eyesight returned, and he saw everything clearly.' Mark 8: 23-25	
'The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!' Remember what I have told you." Matthew 28: 5-7	
'And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.' John 1:34	
'And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'" Matthew 14:33	
'He was declared to be the Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.' Romans 1:4	

**Fulfilment of Old Testament Prophecy: Go Compare...**

Read the PDF sheet 'Matthew 27 vs Psalm 22'.

Compare the two texts. Highlight any sections which match. c) Select and explain 5 ways in which these texts match - write your answer in the table below:

<b>Matthew 27</b>	<b>Psalm 22</b>

**Do you think the prophecies from Isaiah and Psalm 22 provide evidence that Jesus was God? Why/why not? Refer to Isaiah, Psalm 22 and Matthew 27 in your answer.**

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Why do Christians believe in the incarnation of Jesus? Was Jesus human or God? Or was He, as Christians believe, both?

**Write up your report using the evidence you have gathered in the box on the next page:**

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:**

Include a section with evidence for Jesus' existence - reference the Bible and the historical writings

Include a section with evidence for Jesus being human - at least 4

Include a section with evidence for Jesus being God - at least 4

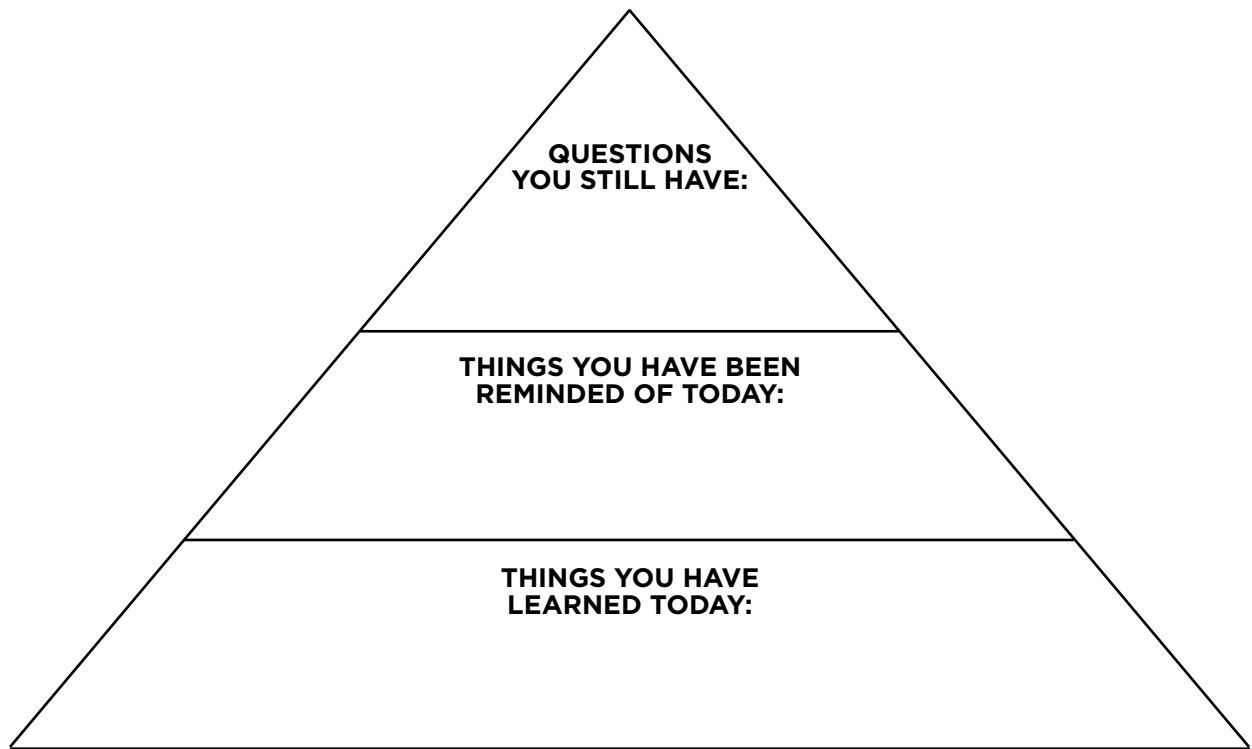
Include a section with evidence from the Old Testament prophecies - at least 3

Write a conclusion: Is there enough evidence to show that Jesus was both human and God; God incarnate? Explain your answer.

Use the keyword INCARNATION wherever appropriate

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**PLENARY:** Pyramid of Learning



**Extension Activity:** Incarnation Expanded

**Why did Jesus come to earth to live as a human?**

**What difference does Jesus coming to earth, to live as a human being, make to Christians?**