

Prior Learning:

Pupils will already know

- Christians celebrate the arrival of Jesus as Christ's son at Christmas.
- God chose a young Jewish woman called Mary, who was engaged to Joseph the carpenter.
- Angel Gabriel was sent by God to ask Mary to be the Mother of his Son.
- Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Christians believe God the Father sent His Son to save His people.



Year 6 - Christianity

What is the significance of Mary's role in the Christmas Story?



Key Skills Taught

Investigate: ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information.

Empathise: consider the thoughts, feelings, attitudes, beliefs and values of others; identify feelings such as love, wonder, forgiveness and sorrow; see the world through others eyes.

Express: explain concepts and practices, interpret symbols and respond through a range of media.

VOCABULARY

Incarnation: The incarnation is the belief that Jesus took on a human body and everything that is human and became man and God.

Virgin: A person who has not had sexual intercourse.

Engagement: The act of becoming engaged to be married.

Conceived: To become pregnant.

Humble: To be modest and not believe that you are better than others.

Annunciation: The visit of Angel Gabriel to Mary to ask her to be the Mother of Jesus.

Fiat: Mary's "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel when asked if she would be the mother of Jesus. It literally means, "let it be done."

Key Knowledge Taught: by the end of the unit, pupils are expected to know that:

- Main Christian belief that Jesus was born as son of God, but to the virgin Mary.

Why Mary?

- She was the 'lord's servant', humble and ordinary – this symbolised Jesus being pure and 'for everyone'. (Luke 1: 26-38) (Luke 1: 47 -58)
- Her being a virgin indicated that Jesus was not merely human, but also God. (John 1:14)
- Joseph originally wanted to call off the engagement as he felt that Mary had betrayed him - until the Angel Gabriel visited him. (Matthew 1: 18-25)

Pupils will be able to:

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