

# Subject: What is the true meaning of Christmas?



## Overview

This will teach children about the key parts of the Nativity story. They will find out how the Nativity story began, the journey undertaken (relating it to the children's own understanding of journeys and distance), where Jesus was born and why, the visitors who came after the birth and how baby Jesus' life was at risk. The unit will conclude with the children thinking through the different parts of the Nativity story to decide what they feel is the most significant part of the story for Christians today. They will also think about how and why they celebrate Christmas.

## Key Points of Learning (RAG at end of each session)

I can explain where Nazareth is and who Mary and Joseph were

I can explain the journey Mary and Joseph went on to Bethlehem.

I can explain where Jesus was born and why he was born there.

I can explain how the shepherds heard about Jesus' birth and the message they told Mary and Joseph

I can retell the story of the wise men

I can explain why King Herod wanted to find Jesus and how Jesus managed to stay safe.

## Questions I want to Investigate now ...

What do I think is the true meaning of Christmas?

What is important to me at Christmas?



## Key Vocabulary

Nazareth

Bethlehem

Census

Tax

Religious

Non-religious

## Useful website

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxp4/resources/1>