

Year 3 Religious Education Autumn Term: How did the birth of Jesus help the Wise Men and shepherds to belong?

To begin our enquiry of “**What does it mean to belong?**” we will focus on what the nativity story tells Christians about Jesus. At the end of the topic, children will be able to explain how the birth of Jesus allowed all different types of people to come together, as well as consider how being part of a religious group is important for some and can bring about a sense of belonging.

Key skill: I can observe and evaluate different ways of expressing identity and belonging, both with regards to world religions and in my own community and experiences.

We will be able to:

- Discuss what the nativity story tells Christians about Jesus, i.e. that he was given to the world by God
- Reflect on the idea that God sending Jesus, his son, as flesh and blood allowed Christians to relate to Christianity
- Explain how the birth of Jesus allowed all different types of people to come together.
- Consider and discuss how it feels to be part of a group as well as how it feels to

To deepen our learning, we will:

- Discuss the Christian concept of **incarnation**: God becoming man or literally being “made flesh”, this shows that God believes he “belongs” with human beings
- Acknowledge the significance of the star in the sky symbolising Jesus’ importance and how he could be a light for other nations.

To celebrate our learning, we will:

Children could make a box all about themselves and share it as a class, focusing on the sense of belonging and the feelings this evokes.

- Pupils then create Christmas cards depicting either the shepherds or the wise men

Vocabulary:

Christmas: celebrated on 25 December. It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Nativity: the birth of Jesus Christ

Christian: Christians believe Jesus is the son of God. Their special book is the Bible and they worship in a church.

Jesus: The Son of God, King of the Jews, The Messiah and Saviour

Wise men: known as magi or kings

Shepherds: people who look after sheep.

Stable: a building for keeping animals

Belonging: being part of a specific group

Community: sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common



How does this link to previous and future learning?

Year 1: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than Bethlehem?

Year 2: Why is Holy Week and Easter important to Christians?

Year 3: Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?

Year 4: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

Year 5: How do different communities celebrate Christmas around the world?

Year 6: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

Driver:

Respect

Determination

Creativity

Confidence

Enthusiasm

Ambition