



Shadsworth Junior School



Curriculum

Year 3 Scheme of Work

Term: Autumn 2

Topic: Christmas: How does the presence of Jesus impact on people's lives?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Aims

- Give children the opportunity to reflect upon Christmas as a celebration of God's presence with us 2000 years ago and now.
- Deepen pupils' understanding of the concept of Incarnation.

Key Skills and Knowledge: Reflect Enquire, Evaluate

- Make links between their own experiences and the experiences of others.
- Retell stories about the presence of Jesus changing people's lives.
- Describe the ways in which the actions of Christians show Jesus' presence in the world.

- Ask good questions about religious beliefs.
- Christians believe that God had a plan, he had promised to send a rescuer to save his people and Jesus was that Messiah.
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Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities)

Creative Ideas and Hooks

Use the technique of guided meditation/imagery to take the children to the hills of Bethlehem, be visited by the angels and then go to the stable to see the baby. How does it feel to enter the stable and be in the presence of God?

Introduce the word Immanuel/Emmanuel which means 'God with us' to the children and look at the use of this word in Christmas carols, on cards and in the Bible.

Use "In His Image" by William Zadanak to talk about the way in which Christians believe Jesus is present in their lives

Key Questions

- In what ways do Christians believe that God is with us?
- How does it feel to be in the presence of God?
- How did/does the presence of Jesus have an impact on people's lives?
- In what ways do Christians believe that they are the presence of Jesus in the world today?

Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

The Salvation Army are often particularly visible at Christmas time. The leaders of the Salvation Army wear a uniform, why? When a person joins the Salvation Army, they make promises including a promise to care for others especially those in need.

Key Vocabulary:

Christmas
Emmanuel
Incarnation
Saviour
Messiah
Christ
Bethlehem
Mary
Joseph
Jesus
Shepherds
Angels
Wise men
Star

Resources Available / Visits/Visitors

Nativity scene
Sensory story – The Birth of Jesus (Resource link on Questful RE Website)
Variety of Nativity story books.
'In his Image' artwork by William Zadanak.

Useful Websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5SYp2PvYRE>
<http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/>

Previous Knowledge

Retell the Nativity story.