



# Shadsworth Junior School



## Curriculum

### Year 4 Scheme of Work

Term: Autumn 2

Topic: Christmas: Why is Jesus described as the light of the world?

#### Key Skills and Knowledge:

##### Aims

- Give pupils an understanding of the Christian belief that Jesus is the, 'Light of the World'.
- Explore the multi-faceted metaphor of bringing light into people's lives.
- Talk with understanding about the symbolism of Jesus as light.
- Talk about the stories and traditions of Hanukkah.
- Use good vocabulary to talk about the symbolism of Jesus as light.
- Ask good questions about things that have interested me.

##### Key Skills and Knowledge: Reflect, Empathise, Apply, Interpret, Investigate

- Talk with understanding about the ways in which Jesus' followers bring his light into the world.
- Create light metaphors for Jesus that show understanding of Jesus actions and divinity.
- Ask important and relevant questions about religious experiences and beliefs.

#### Reading and Writing Opportunities (Long and Short Activities) Creative Ideas and Hooks

Sitting in a darkened room in candlelight.  
Considering how Jesus and the actions of his followers brings light into people's lives.  
create light metaphors for Jesus that show understanding of Jesus actions and divinity.  
Re-enact well known stories from Jesus' life, of occasions where he brought light into people's lives. e.g. The calling of Matthew, Zacchaeus, healing miracles or Jairus' daughter.  
Create and explain their own piece of artwork symbolising Jesus the light of the world.  
Make Christingle oranges and explore the symbolism.

##### Key Questions

- Why is Jesus described as the Light of the World?
- What does the light do to the dark?
- Why is light such a powerful symbol?
- Is light a good metaphor for Jesus?
- The sun already lights the world so how can Jesus be the light?
- In what ways do the actions of Christians show the light of Jesus in the world today?
- Why do people of faith light candles?

#### Links to PSHCE, Equality and British Values Work

Terry Waite, a former envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was captured by Hezbollah in 1987 and imprisoned for 5 years. He went to Beirut to negotiate the release of hostages and became a hostage himself. He spent 1,763 days in captivity. For most of the time he was alone and blindfolded – if you were sitting in the darkness with no hope of light how would you feel?

##### **Key Vocabulary:**

##### **Resources Available / Visits/Visitors**

##### **Useful Websites:**

Jesus, light, candles, Christingle, Light of the World, Saviour and incarnation, Dreidel, Hanukkah, Hannukiah, Jerusalem, Temple.

Ask the clergy if there are any parishioners who would appreciate receiving a special card from the children to brighten their day. You could make a display for the church or local old people's home.  
Children could make promises to help, share, make or tidy....etc.

Terry Whaite – BBC News

##### **Previous Knowledge**

Know the Nativity story.  
Name festivals and celebrations where light is used.