



Year 3 RE **The Christmas Story**

Why is Christmas important to Christians?



Key Vocabulary

Angel Gabriel	The messenger who delivered the good news to Mary that she would have a son.
annunciation	Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will have a son, the saviour of the world
Bethlehem	Where Mary and Joseph travelled to and where Jesus was born
epiphany	The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the visit of the wise men to see Jesus
mystery	A question we don't know the answer to
saviour	Someone who saves people is a saviour

Philosophy - Thinking

Why did God become a baby? Why was it good news?
 Why did the wise men bring Jesus special gifts?
 Why are celebrations important?

Social Science - Living

Christians **all over the world** celebrate Christmas in different ways.
 In **Italy** many Christians set up a nativity scene and they eat a special bread called **Panettone**. In **Spain** celebrations start on Christmas Eve. In **India** many Christians decorate **banana and mango trees**.



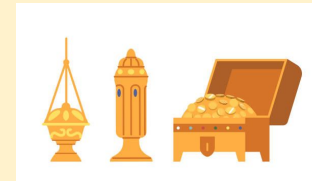
Theology - Believing



The **annunciation** is very important for many Christians as it marks the **beginning of the Christmas story**. Mary was told she would have a baby, Jesus, who would be a **saviour**.



The **wisemen** followed a star a long way to Jesus. They gave him precious gifts of **gold, frankincense and myrrh**.



Gold - a gift for a King
Frankincense - a symbol of worship
Myrrh - a symbol that Jesus came to die



Jesus came to earth to **save** people from their **sins**. The belief that God became a **human being** is called the **incarnation**



God



Creation



Fall



People of God



Incarnation



Gospel



Salvation



Kingdom of God