

## Unit 5.2 How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

### Overview of unit

The aim of this unit is to:

- give children a Biblical perspective on the nativity story.
- deepen children's understanding of what Christians believe to be the true meaning of Christmas.
- increase pupil's knowledge and understanding of the place of the incarnation in God's Big Story

### Key Questions

- Where in the Bible is the Christmas story?
- How does the nativity story/birth of Jesus fit into God's Big Story?
- Why are the stories in Matthew and Luke similar/different?
- How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?
- In what way was Jesus a refugee?



Why did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to Egypt?  
What questions would you like to ask Joseph?  
What is your reaction to Herod's actions?

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Saviour</b>	God or Jesus Christ as the redeemer of sin and saver of souls
<b>Messiah</b>	the promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible
<b>gospel</b>	the record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament
<b>nativity</b>	the birth of Jesus Christ: a picture, carving, or model representing Jesus Christ's birth
<b>salvation</b>	deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ:
<b>incarnation</b>	the embodiment of God the Son in human flesh as Jesus Christ

### Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit?

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- the nativity story is recorded in Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
- the true meaning of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of the Messiah, God in human form, Jesus Christ.

By the end of this unit pupils are expected to be able to:

- identify which parts of the story are found in each gospel and the purpose of each writer.
- identify the influence the two stories have on our Christmas celebrations.
- describe using religious vocabulary the Christian beliefs revealed in the nativity story.
- Use religious vocabulary to show they understand where the nativity fits into God's Big Story.
- Understand the significance of the flight to Egypt

### Christian concepts

God – Creation – Fall – People of God – INCARNATION – Gospel – SALVATION – Kingdom of God

### Christian values

Hope  
Humility