

Unit 5.7 Christmas: How is Christmas celebrated around the world?

Overview of unit

- develop children's perceptions of Christmas celebrations beyond their own personal experiences.
- deepen pupils' understanding of the ways in which Christmas celebrations reveal Christian beliefs.
- increase their understanding of Christianity as a world faith.

Key Questions

- How do Christians in the UK celebrate Christmas?
- How is Christmas celebrated around the world?
- How do Christians worldwide celebrate Christmas?
- How do the celebrations reveal Christian beliefs?
- Why is the celebration of Christmas different around the world?
- Why is the celebration of Christmas so important?

Key Vocabulary

St Nicholas	The legendary patron saint of children; who is thought to bring presents to children at Christmas
St Lucia	A young girl who became a Christian martyr. Her strong religious faith, which was against the Roman empire, caused her to lose her life in 304 CE.
Orthodox	Following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.

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

By the end of this unit pupils will know that:

- Christmas is celebrated by Christians around the world.
- some celebrations are connected to beliefs but others are secular.
- Christmas celebrations provide answers to questions about Christian beliefs about Jesus.

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

- make the links between the story, belief and action
- describe and give reasons for the similarities and differences between Christmas celebrations around the world.
- describe and show understanding of why Christmas is such an important time for Christians.
- talk about the distinctive Christian beliefs highlighted by Christmas celebrations.

Christian concepts	Christian values
God – Creation – Fall – People of God – INCARNATION – Gospel – Salvation – Kingdom Of God	Love Hope Faith



St Lucia



St. Nicholas

