

Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

Essential/Core Vocabulary

Jesus - Christians believe Jesus is God's Son.

Mary - Jesus' mother.

Joseph - Jesus' earthly father.

Christmas - A celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Nativity - The story of Jesus' birth.

Church - A special place where Christians go.

Links to our core values...

Love - Children learn about the love shown in the Christmas story and the importance of caring for others.

Friendship - Children work together to retell the Nativity story through discussion, role play and performances.

Respect - Children learn why Christmas is important to Christians and respect the beliefs and traditions of others.



Key Knowledge

- Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.
- Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.
- Jesus was born in a stable.
- Shepherds and Wise Men visited Jesus.
- Christians celebrate Christmas in church and at home.
- Nativity plays help Christians remember the Christmas story.

Lesson 1

LO: To know that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday.

Lesson 2

LO: To know the story of Jesus' birth.

Lesson 3

LO: To know who visited baby Jesus.

Lesson 4

LO: To know what Christians might do in church at Christmas.

Lesson 5

LO: To understand why Christians perform nativity plays.

Lesson 6

LO: To retell and talk about the nativity story.

End Point Activity:

Nativity Story Journey Floor Book or Story Map