

RE - Year R – Autumn 2 - Cycle B EYFS 4 – Christmas

How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday?

 Substantive Knowledge: For Christians Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Jesus was a very special baby. Christians believe he was the Son of God. The church celebrates Christmas in special ways. 	 Markers for Assessment for Substantive Knowledge To know that Jesus is the Son of God Markers for Assessment for Disciplinary Knowledge To explain why Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday To explain how Christians celebrate Jesus's birthday 		Below	Above
 Disciplinary Knowledge: Recall/retell the nativity story. Identify the characters in the nativity story. Use religious words to talk about Christmas. Talk about why Christmas is important. Talk about how the church celebrates Christmas. Talk about feelings related to celebrating Christmas and birthdays 				
 Prior Substantive Knowledge Christmas is an important Christian festival Prior Disciplinary Knowledge Talk about their own experiences of Christmas. 	Vocabulary Values Love, Joy, Hope	Vocabulary Christmas Jesus Bethlehem Mary Joseph Shepherds Star	Christmas Jesus Bethlehem Mary Joseph Shepherds	
 Questions (potential 'hook' questions for lessons) What is a birthday? When is your birthday? In what ways do you celebrate your birthday? How do Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday? Why was Jesus a special baby? 	 Cross-Curricular/Enrichment Small world – explore the Christmas story Construction Area – building the stable Dressing Up – Christmas Play Creative Area- Christmas crafts, making Jesus a birthday card English – re-telling the story of Christmas See Saw- sharing photos of personal experiences of Christmas 			

Christmas in other parts of the world