



Year 6: RE Christianity Autumn 2



St Luke

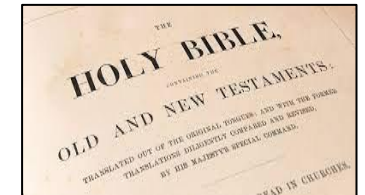
Interpretations of the Nativity are different in the Bible. St Luke's account of The Christmas Story focuses on the poor and vulnerable. He focuses on:

- the angel appearing to Mary to say a baby would be born;
- Mary and Joseph having to go to Bethlehem because of the census;
- Mary and Joseph having to stay in a stable and Jesus being born there;
- the visitors to Jesus (the shepherds) seeing an angel and being poor;
- Jesus being laid in a manger (a food trough).

Christmas Customs

There are lots of different ways that people celebrate Christmas and Advent:

- Christmas trees symbolise the everlasting life of God;
- Mistletoe is a symbol of peace and joy and is used to show friendship and goodwill;
- Advent calendars, wreaths and candles are different ways of counting down to Jesus' birthday;
- Christingles symbolise the importance of Jesus and the gospel.



The Christmas Story

Christians all believe that the Christmas Story is significant. However, some Christians view the story in a metaphorical way while other Christians believe the story is literally true.

Significance

Jesus' arrival on earth is important to Christians. They recognise Jesus as the Son of God and believe he was sent to earth to save humans from sin

Key Vocabulary

Significant	Something that is important enough to be noticed and spoken about or has a special meaning.
Incarnation	To take on or embody a human form
Bible	Holy book. The word of God in Christianity.
St Luke	One of the twelve apostles of Jesus. St Luke wrote the third book in the New Testament of the Bible.
Symbolism	When pictures, colours or objects are used to represent more complicated ideas.
Christianity	Christianity is the most popular religion in the world.
Christmas	The annual Christian festival held on 25 th December to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
Tradition	The passing on of ways of thinking, acting or believing.