

# EYFS Autumn 2 – Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas? Unit F2: Incarnation



## What we already know:

The EYFS cohort have come from many different preschools and nurseries and this unit is our first chance to explore what they are already aware of. As part of last term's learning, they have learnt about the persona of Grace who is a Christian and are aware that Christians worship God in a church. They also know about Baptism and welcoming babies into families (both Christian and Muslim). They have learnt that Jesus welcomed the children.

## What's next?

Year 1: 1: Why does Christmas matter?  
Year 6: U2.4 Was Jesus the messiah?

## Summary of Knowledge

- Know that there are other ways of showing that people are special – Hindu – Raksha Bandhan (continued from before half term)
- Retell religious stories making connections with personal experiences.
- Retell the Christmas story and name the characters.
- Explain why Jesus is special to Christians.
- Talk about what happens in a church at Christmas time.
- Talk about how God's love is shared at Christmas.
- Recall bible stories that talk about people being precious to God.
- Talk about how some people give thanks for their baby in a church.
- Know that Christians believe that God thinks everyone is precious.

### Mini Question 6 (from previous term's unit)

What happens at Raksha Bandhan and why?

Discuss siblings. Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan. Exchange of band as a gift.

#### Raksha Bandhan

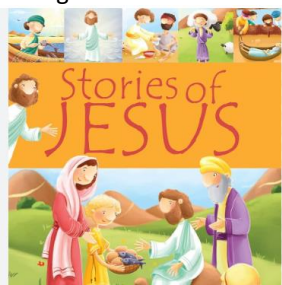


A rakhi being tied during Raksha Bandhan

### Mini Question 1

Why do Christians think Jesus is special?

How Jesus is depicted in bible stories: Jesus' birth, Jesus as a healer, Jesus stopping a storm, Jesus feeding the crowd, Jesus telling people about God. The Christmas Story and the figures within it.



### Mini Question 2

What do Christians (like Grace) do at Christmas time?

Birthdays as a celebration – linked to the Nativity story. Acting the Nativity.



### Mini Question 3

What does Grace do at Christmas to share God's love?

### Mini Question 4

Which bible story tells Grace that she is precious to God?

### Mini Question 5

How do some people give thanks for the birth of their baby in a church?

## Vocabulary

Exploring what Christians do at Christmas and why. How do these actions etc share God's Love. The importance of Christmas. Revisit the Nativity.



Christians believe that Jesus thinks everyone is special and precious. The story of Jesus welcoming the children – revisited from last term.



Reflecting on a Thanksgiving Service of songs and prayers. Thinking about a traditional event.



Feelings, special, symbol, Hindu, Raksha Bandhan, bible, Christian, God, stories, Nativity, Mary, Joseph, donkey, three wise men, shepherds, love, birthdays, precious, celebrations, thanksgiving,

#### Mini Question 6

How does Grace show that everyone is precious?

**BIG QUESTION revisited – Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?**

The Childrens' Society – set up by Christians to help children. Christians are precious to God. "Do for others what you want them to do for you."

**Do for others what you want them to do for you.**

**Kind, Helpful, Precious**

