

Key Vocabulary

Nazareth a city in Israel with a biblical history.

Jerusalem a city in the Middle East.

Bethlehem a Palestinian town south of Jerusalem. It is the biblical birthplace of Jesus.

census the census is a count of all the people in a country on one particular day and is taken every ten years.

manger a box or trough in a stable or barn from which horses or cattle feed.

frankincense a substance which is obtained from a tree and which smells pleasant when it is burned.

myrrh a natural substance extracted from a number of small trees which has been used throughout history as a perfume, incense, and medicine.

Gospel four books within the Christian Bible, telling of the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ. Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



Christianity

RE Y5: Nativity according to Luke and Matthew

By reading both Matthew's and Luke's version of the nativity story, identify similarities and differences between the two versions. Then explore why there might be these differences



Gospel according to Matthew.

Main characters: Joseph, Angel, Magi, Herod the Great

Secondary characters: Mary

Adoration: (gentile philosophers) Magi

Notable differences: star, killing of innocent children

Key themes: power (Herod, Magi, rich gifts.



Gospel according to Luke.

Main characters: Mary, Angels, Shepherds

Secondary characters: Joseph, Herod the Great

Adoration: (lowly) shepherds

Notable differences: Angels in the night sky, census.

Key themes: salvation for all alike, including the poor.

Holy Places

Church of the Nativity,
Bethlehem



Links to prior learning and next steps:

Y3 - Christmas story and celebration
Y6 - Ethics and morals

Links to other subjects:

British values and personal development