



Unit:

Christianity

## NATIONAL CURRICULUM



### What should I already know?

- Understand what Christianity is and that they have special items.
- Understand that a Church is a special place for Christians and what happens in a church.
- Understand that some times of year may be special.
- Understand the Bible is a special book for Christians.
- Understand why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas.

### What will I know by the end of this unit?

- Understand that we all have special qualities and can recognise them in ourselves and others
- Show an awareness that some places are special to them.
- Recognise that some times of the year are special
- Recognise that some places are special
- Understand what festivals are and why we have them.

### Key beliefs

#### Special Places

Talk about places that are special to the children and why. Explore holidays to special places. Introduce the church as a special place for Christians. Go on a church visit to St. Peters. Children to have a Q & A session with Father Richard. Discuss the celebrations that take place in a church. Pupils to take part in a mock wedding or Christening.



#### Special festivals:

##### Christmas



Study the picture of baby Jesus. What can we tell about him from just looking at the picture? Although Jesus may not have looked particularly special, Christians believe that he was very special indeed - they believe that he was God on Earth. Understand that Christians believe that God came to Earth to be with people and show them how to live. When God came to earth he was just a baby with Mary as his mum. Pupils to discuss why Christmas matters to Christians today, explore this through the Christmas story sequence and looking at Christmas cards today and evidence of the first Christmas.



Explore Advent and what Christians are preparing for. Look at the word thankfulness and discuss what Christians are thankful for at Christmas time.

*Easter -*

See Separate Easter Knowledge organisers - Spring 1



### SCHOOL KEY DRIVERS

<i>Language</i>	<i>Possibilities</i>	<i>Diversity</i>
<i>Church, pray, Vicar, celebrate, Christening, wedding, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, nativity, Advent, festival, shepherds, wisemen/kings.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Visit St. Peter's Church in Hoyland</i></li></ul>	<i>To understand different cultures and beliefs</i>