







Knowledge Organiser for Years 3 and 4 R.E.

What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?

Key idea: To learn to understand the symbolism in the Christmas story and think about what the different parts mean to Christians today.

Tier 3 vocabulary	
Christingle (noun)	Christian service for children held shortly before Christmas, in which each child is given a decorated fruit with a lighted candle in it.
Magi (noun)	the wise men from the East who came bearing gifts for the infant Jesus.
Nativity (noun)	The Nativity is the birth of Jesus, which is celebrated by Christians at Christmas.
Tier 2 vocabulary	
symbol (noun)	something that represents or stands for something else.
angel (noun)	angels are spiritual beings that some people believe are God's servants in heaven.
Key symbols	
	The orange represents the world.
	The red ribbon represents Christ's blood and his love.
	The dried fruit and sweets represent the fruits of the earth. The four cocktail sticks represent the seasons.
	The candle represents Jesus. Christians believe he is the light of the world.

Knowledge Item 1

Symbols are used in our lives to stand for something else.



Knowledge Item 2

There are some Christian symbols that represent important ideas about Christmas.



Knowledge Item 3

The Christingle service is very important. For Christians, the light tells an important truth – that in the darkness of the world, there shone a great light.



Knowledge Item 4

Christmas cards often use Christian symbols.

