



Phase: UKS2

Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

What should I already know?

The story of the nativity, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, The Story of Moses and David and Goliath.
The concepts of God and Creation.
Links between Genesis and what Christians believe god and creation.
What it is like for Christians to follow God.

Key knowledge

- The 'Big Story' is made up from all the Bible teachings. It is made up from stories such as Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, The story of Moses and David and Goliath.
- It is believed that Jesus was the Messiah and he was brought back to the world to live a sinless life, perform miracles and show people how to return to God again.
- The messiah (Jesus) was seen to be throughout the Bible even before being born. He used the Ark to save Noah showing salvation or when God promised to watch the world through Abraham's family – through Jesus. Sacrifices pointed to Jesus and then Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice for our sin.
- It was believed the land was occupied by the 'enemy' and people were hopeful that God would send somebody to save them – the Messiah.
- The qualities the bible believed Jesus to need were: to be a boy, wonderful counsellor, everlasting father, prince of peace, leadership, show justice and righteousness, wisdom, might, knowledge, delight in fear, not judge and faithful.
- Matthew and others believed that Jesus was the Messiah and many people came to visit him when he was born (the story of Christmas).
- King Herod was disturbed by the news and called together his chief priests. The priests (wise men) followed the star to the baby Jesus and worshiped him.
- There are many Christian charities who try to embed the importance of Christmas time for Christians and how Jesus should be remembered as being born at Christmas and that he was sent to be the Messiah.
- Christians celebrate by remembering the story of the nativity, this is often retold. They attend church through carol services and Midnight Mass. They often give gifts to remember the gift of Jesus in his early life.
- Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth for all people, symbolised through the visits of the wise men and the shepherds.
- Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas, on 6 January, and commemorates the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. Epiphany literally means 'revealed', and this day also marks the day when Jesus was revealed to the world.

Values

Challenge	What challenges were there for Jesus to become the Messiah?
Commit	How did Christians commit to showing faith in the Messiah?
Conquer	How did God conquer the divide after 400 years?
Celebrate	How do Christians celebrate the 'true meaning' of Christmas?



Key facts and figures

Place of Origin: Israel
Founder: Jesus
Sacred Text: The Bible
Sacred Building: Church, Chapel, Cathedral
Holy
Places: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth
Major Festivals: Easter, Christmas

Messiah	Means 'anointed one'. The term given to the saviour to bring salvation.
incarnation	A person who is a deity in the flesh, spirit or quality. Meaning Jesus is God in the flesh and in Jesus God came to live amongst everyone.
Descendent	A legacy is a mortal who is a second or further generation of God.
Israelites	A member of the Hebrew Bible who are descendants of Jacob (Israel).
everlasting	Endless life after death.
Righteousness	Being right in God's eyes.
Frankincense	an aromatic gum resin obtained from an African tree and burnt as incense.
myrrh	a fragrant gum resin obtained from certain trees and used, especially in the Near East, in perfumery, medicines, and incense.
Epiphany	When Jesus was revealed to the world.

Bible Stories

- Gods Creation: Adam and Eve
- Noah and the Ark
- The Story of Moses
- Joshua and the Battle of Jericho
- David and Goliath
- Daniel in the Lion's Den
- Jonah and the Whale
- Birth of Christ
- Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ