



Coleman Primary School

Year 4 Autumn 2 Knowledge Organiser

RE—What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?

Key Vocabulary: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?

symbol: something that stands for something else	incarnation: a person who embodies a deity in the flesh
represent: to stand for or express something	Christingle: a lighted candle representing Jesus
commercial: to do with buying and selling and making a profit	significant: important or with a lot of meaning

What are symbols?

Do you recognise any of these **symbols**? Do you know what they **represent**?



You will learn...

- about symbols and what they represent
- about symbols of Christmas
- what the Christmas story means to Christians

Symbols of Christmas



There are lots of **symbols** that we see at Christmas. Some of the **symbols** are religious and **represent** parts of the Nativity story. Others are **commercial** and **represent** traditions that are not related to the Christmas story.



A **Christingle** is used as part of a special service around Christmas time. Each part of the **Christingle** **represents** something different.

What do you think each part **represents**?

Christian beliefs about Christmas

Christians believe that Jesus was a special gift from God to the people of Earth. They believe that Jesus was the son of God and the **incarnation** of God. This means they believe Jesus was God on Earth. The **symbols** in the Christmas story remind Christians of these things.

What does Christmas time mean to you?

RE Skills Progression

In Year Three you learnt to...

- identify religious symbolism in literature and the arts
- make links between religious symbols, language and stories and the beliefs that underlie them
- explain some of the religious practices of leaders and individuals

In Year Four you will...

- give meanings for some symbols, stories and religious language
- show how religious beliefs, ideas and feelings can be expressed in a variety of forms
- identify and describe the impact of beliefs and practices on individuals, groups and communities