

I should already know:

That Jesus was given many symbolic names when he was born

That the Christmas story is found in the Gospels.

That the Christmas story is the Incarnation part of the Bible's Big Story.

That light is an important symbol for Christians at Christmas time.

That advent is the countdown to Christmas and is the start of the Christian year.

By the end of this unit I will:

Know and remember the meaning of the core concept: Incarnation.

Know what makes a piece of art sacred

Know the influence carols have on conveying the central beliefs of Christmas to the world.

Know and remember the central beliefs in the Nativity narrative.

Know and remember the key religious vocabulary and what each word means.

Key Vocabulary**Incarnation**

A person who embodies in flesh a deity

Theology

It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed and how they are applied in different contexts

Nativity

The birth of Jesus celebrated by Christians at Christmas

Sacred

Can refer to something marked for religious purposes, a ritual or devotion. Can also refer to God himself



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History of Carols

The word carol comes from the ancient Greek 'choros' which means 'dancing in a circle', and an old French word 'Carole' meaning a song to accompany dancing.

Changed its meaning over the years to refer to a particular kind of song which developed into religious songs about Christmas.

They were often written to accompany religious dramas dating from the medieval times.

Carol Singing in the streets goes back to poor people in the middle ages looking for food and drink. Today it is to raise money for charities.