




RE Autumn term 2 Year Two
Christmas. Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Key vocabulary	Explanation/ definition	Key Knowledge
Good news	News of something that is of benefit to oneself, one's friends and one's community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe that the birth of Jesus is good news. • Angels brought the news to Zachariah, Mary and the shepherds. • We believe that Jesus is the saviour of the world. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;">    </div>
Elizabeth	A relative of Mary (the mother of Jesus), the wife of Zechariah and the mother of John the Baptist.	
Zechariah	The husband of Elizabeth and father of John the Baptist.	
Jesus	The son of God.	
Mary	The mother of Jesus and wife of Joseph.	
Angel Gabriel	The messenger who was entrusted to deliver several important messages on God's behalf.	
Joseph	Jesus' father on earth and the husband of Mary.	
Shepherds	A group of people who look after sheep.	
Bethlehem	A town near Jerusalem. The birthplace of Jesus.	

Key skills

By the end of this unit, pupils are expected to be able to:

- Ask good questions about the Christmas story.
- Tell you all about what happened to Zachariah.
- Tell you the Christmas story.
- Talk about the message of the angels.
- Describe the different ways artists portray angels
- Talk about the ways we share the good news at Christmas time.