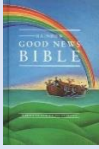










National Curriculum: Religious Education	Resources		Big Questions	Vocabulary
<p>* All children should have the opportunity to develop socially, spiritually, morally, and culturally in 21st century Britain.</p> <p>Pupils should be taught in KS1:</p> <p>To enquire, investigate and understand about religions and beliefs.</p> <p>To question, explore, reflect upon and interpret human experience when considering the religions and beliefs studied.</p> <p>To develop religious literacy – be able to articulate knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, practices, and secular world views.</p> <p>Thinking and Investigating- Recall features of religious, spiritual, and moral stories and other forms of religious expression. To recognise and name features of religions and beliefs.</p> <p>Religious Oracy - Respond sensitively to the experiences and feelings of others, including those with a faith. Recognise some religious symbols and words</p>		Bible	<p>Why is Christmas so important to Christians?</p> <p>How do Christians get ready for Christmas?</p> <p>What are the main events in the Christmas Story?</p> <p>What symbols are used by Christians at Christmas?</p> <p>What do the Christingle and Advent Wreath symbolise?</p>	<p>Bible – A special book for Christians God – The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Jesus – The son of God Mary – Jesus’ mother Joseph – Mary’s husband Bethlehem –The town where Jesus was born Wise Men – visited Jesus – travelling on camels, following a star. Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh – gifts the wise men brought Jesus. Angel – God’s messengers Shepherds – came to visit Jesus – they were told by the angels. Advent – The four weeks when Christians get ready for Christmas Advent Wreath – five candles, each with a specific meaning, around a green ring of leaves. Advent Calendar – Count down to Christmas Advent Candle – Count down to Christmas Christingle – a symbol Christians use to show that Jesus is the Light of The World Incarnation – Jesus is God on Earth Saviour – Jesus as a rescuer or saviour</p>
	 	Advent Wreath & Advent Candle		
		Christingle		
		Nativity Set		
	 	Star & Angel		
	 	Advent Calendar		

Key Learning: Lesson Sequence	
1	<p>How do Christians get ready for Christmas? Explore with the children what Christmas means to them in their family, being mindful that not all children will celebrate Christmas. Talk about special food, presents, decorations, school events such as the Nativity and Carol Service, some families go to church, that for Christians, the birth of Jesus is a very special event. Explore a selection of artefacts and resources: Advent Wreath Candles, Christmas Trees, Star and Angel decorations, purple runner on the Worship Table in Assembly.</p> <p>Why is Christmas so important to Christians? Discuss the significance of Jesus for Christians. Jesus was a very special baby. Christians believe that Jesus is God on Earth. God was sad by all the bad things that were happening on Earth (refer back to any previous learning about the First Sad Day). Christians believe that Jesus is the Light Of The World and that Jesus was sent by God to show people how to live a good life, to think of others rather than just themselves. Christians believe that Jesus is a rescuer or Saviour - He helps people know how to live good lives. Christians believe that Jesus came to Earth to help and save others. Children will learn that Advent is the four weeks before Christmas when Christians get ready for Jesus' birth. Text: Matthew V1 18-25 Luke 2 V1-7</p>
2	<p>What are the main events in the Christmas Story? Look at different versions of the Nativity Story, both books, Nativity scenes and videos. Manipulate resources / pictures / Nativity figures to re-tell the main events. Make links with the Nativity they will be performing.</p>
3	<p>What are the main events in the Christmas Story? (Continued) Label, caption or write sentences alongside images of the main characters: Mary, Joseph, Jesus, donkey, angel, star, Shepherds, Wise Men, gifts. Optional inclusion of King Herod.</p>
4	<p>What symbols are used by Christians at Christmas? – The Christingle Recap that Advent is a period of “getting ready” for Christmas and the “coming” of Jesus. Label, caption or write sentences alongside pictures of the symbols associated with the Christingle. Discuss the meaning behind the symbols. (Possible Christingle Worship Assembly in church).</p>
5	<p>What symbols are used by Christians at Christmas? – The Advent Wreath Recap that Advent is a period of “getting ready” for Christmas and the “coming” of Jesus. Label, caption or write sentences alongside pictures of the symbols associated with the Advent Wreath. Discuss the meaning behind the symbols. Children to contribute to Whole School Worship Assembly, focussing on the Advent Wreath.</p>
6	<p>Assessment - using SOLO Taxonomy “Hex-perts” scaffolds.</p>