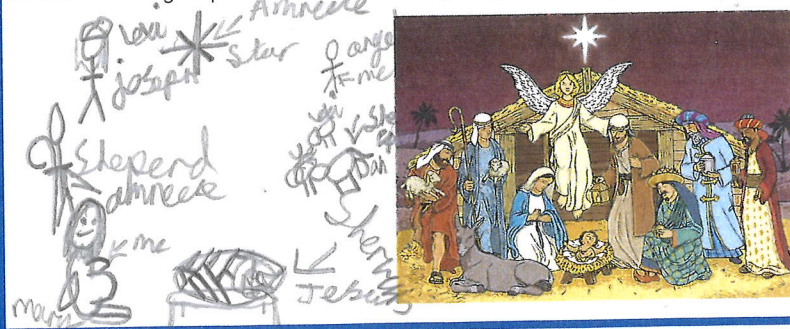


What is Incarnation?

Incarnation is when God is in human form.

Drama 1 - In groups act out the nativity as you already know it.



Compare the beginnings of Luke and Matthew to what you acted out - what's the same about the nativity stories? What's different? Are there any details missing that you were expecting to see? They missed out the donkey part and one of them missed the kings and the other missed the kings. There is also a part where an angel comes and shines brightly around.

After reading John 1, explain what is meant by the 'Word'

The word is God and the word is God and it says the word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

How can we connect the text with the concepts of Incarnation and Trinity?

It says God, the word and light. God is God the king, the word is Jesus and the light is the holy spirit. And it says God with the word and Jesus is God.

Activity 1 - find all the words that you think might be a synonym for God and draw an oval around them. Find all the ones that might mean Jesus and draw a rectangle around them. Are there any that we aren't sure about?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came

Drama 2 - In pairs take two sentences from John 1:1-14 to act out. Attach a photo here:



Deeper Thinking

How is John's story about the birth of Jesus different to the others?

It doesn't tell you about the nativity or Mary and Joseph and it is not.