

'Reaching Up'

## What should I already know?

- Know a simple version of the nativity story.
- Talk about why Christians would say that Jesus is a special baby.
- Talk about how different characters in the nativity welcome the baby Jesus.
- Identify religious aspects of Christmas celebrations
- Talk about why Christmas is a special time for Christians
- Consider how and why babies might be special- and why they need love and care.
- Talk about the importance of looking after those who cannot help themselves. Talk about their own beginnings and how they were welcomed into the family.
- Reflect on who has helped them in life so far.

## Knowledge

- Suggest what Christians might mean when they refer to Jesus as 'the Light of the world'
- Talk about the different titles that might be given to Jesus – Christ/ Messiah/ Saviour/Son of God.
- Identify ways in which Christians might use light as part of their Christmas celebrations (advent candles, candle-light carl services, Christingle) – and the symbolic meaning
- Talk about the different ways that Christians might celebrate Christmas. identify different ways that humans use light
- Discuss the importance of light as a source of comfort, security and hope
- Talk about how and why light might be an important symbol

## Year 2– Autumn Term 2 – Christianity (Religious Education)

Why do people say that Jesus is the light of the world?

Skills

- This unit enables pupils to explore the use of light to and how it might be used in religious communities to indicate the presence of God and as a description for Jesus as God incarnate.
- Pupils should be able to make links between the imagery and symbolism of light in the Christian context and significant events in their own lives.
- This unit should build on the Y1 unit 'Why is Jesus special to Christians?' Pupils should be encouraged to recall information about why the birth of Jesus is important to Christians and why Jesus is seen as a gift to the world.

Vocabulary

- Christians
- Light
- Advent
- Christingle
- Symbol
- Christmas
- Celebration