

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 3 RE Beliefs and Questions 3.1

Term: Autumn 2

Topic: China

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. Christians give thanks to God for our food, and this happens in many countries around the world.

In Britain, harvest festivals are often celebrated in churches by bringing baskets of food to give thanks to God. People enjoy singing, praying, listening to stories and decorating the church.



People share food and give what they can to help others. In school we collect food and take it to the Bulwell Food Bank

Similarities :

They celebrate key events in the bible.

People come together to celebrate festivals and often go to pray at a special service in the church.

Churches are decorated with flowers, special candles and table covers. Special music is played, and hymns or religious songs are sung.

People meet and have parties and eat special food to celebrate. Gifts or presents are often exchanged.

Differences:

Festivals mark different occasions.

Christmas and Easter celebrate the birth and death of Jesus.

The story of harvest is from the Old Testament. Different prayers are said to mark specific events.

People usually give and receive gifts or chocolate eggs at Christmas and Easter.

At Harvest people are encouraged to give to people less

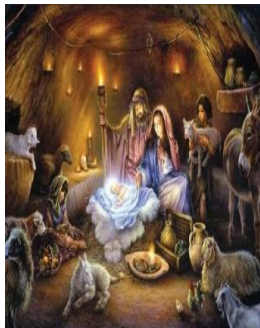
The Birth of Christ (Jesus) - Christmas

Christmas is a Christian holy day that marks the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe to be the Son of God.

Jesus was born to a woman called Mary who was engaged to Joseph, a carpenter in the town of Nazareth in Galilee.

Mary was visited by an angel who told her that she would give birth to a baby called Jesus. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary had travelled there to take part in a census which the Roman rulers had ordered but couldn't find anywhere else to stay.

Jesus was visited by shepherds and three wise men who presented Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



The death of Christ (Jesus) - Easter

Some people did not like Jesus and the messages that was sharing. They wanted to make Him go away.

After Jesus ate supper with his disciples one evening (Good Friday), He went into the garden to pray. The men who didn't like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him and send Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance.

On the third day after His death (Easter Sunday), some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

An angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! This is why we celebrate Easter.

Learning Objectives

Lesson 1	I can explain the meaning of Harvest festival in Christianity.		
Lesson 2	I know the key events of the Christmas story.		
Lesson 3	I know the key events of the Easter story. I can identify similarities and differences between Christian festivals.		
Lesson 4	I can show what I have learnt.		