



Sticky Knowledge – What I already know

I know the story of the nativity

I know Christmas is a Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus

I know some of the ways people celebrate Christmas

Knowledge – What I will learn during this the unit

- Christmas is a very important **celebration** around the world as a **religious** celebration for Christians and also as a **secular** celebration for many people who are not Christian.
- At Christmas people remember the **birth of Jesus** in a manger in Bethlehem.
- Christians use the weeks before Christmas known as **advent** to prepare for the celebration of God becoming human in Jesus. Christians believe that Christmas is a time to remember how Jesus came to earth as both God and human and they call this belief the **incarnation**.
- Advent is a time when people will use advent calendars, wreaths, and candles to remember the days leading up to the birth of Jesus.
- The story of the birth of Jesus is celebrated in many ways including through cards, Nativity plays and church services. Christians remember **Mary** and **Joseph** and the events of the story.
- The shepherds were the first people to visit Jesus in the manger and this shows how Jesus was born for everyone, rich and poor alike.

Key Knowledge- What I will know at the end of the unit

I know what the term's **secular** and **religious** mean

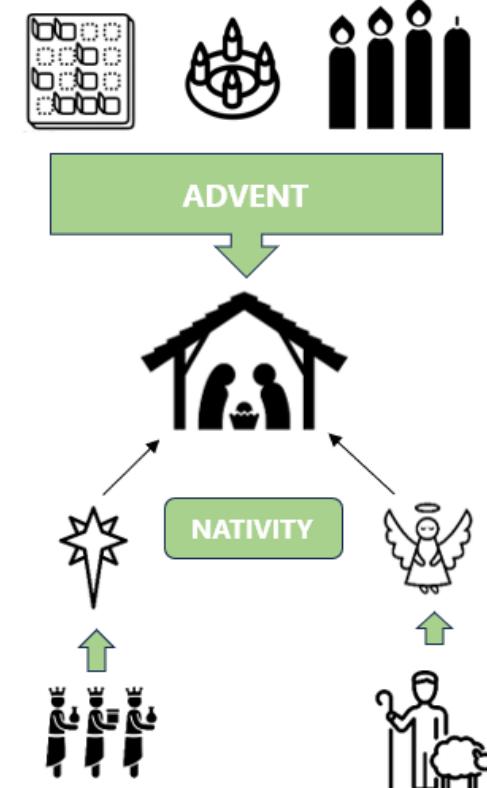
I know the key events from the Christmas story

I know how Christmas is celebrated today

I know which traditions are **secular** and which are **religious**.

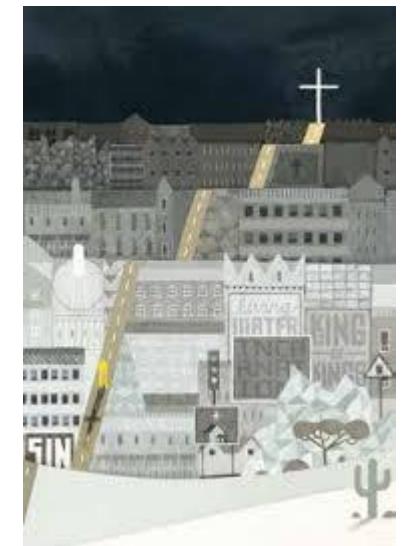
I know how and why religious artwork helps Christians today to celebrate the key events from the story.

So how does it all work?





Key Vocabulary	Definition
Incarnation	- When God became a human, as Jesus.
Jesus	- God's Son, who came to love and help people.
Mary	- Jesus' mother, who was kind and loved God.
Joseph	- Mary's husband and Jesus' earthly father.
Shepherds	- People who take care of sheep. Some visited baby Jesus.
Advent	- The time before Christmas when we get ready for Jesus' birth.
Secular	- Things that are not about God or church.
Religious	- Things that are about God and faith.
Birth	- When a baby is born and comes into the world.
Celebration	- A happy time when people come together for something special.



This unit builds on Unit 2, exploring Christian ideas about Incarnation

This unit sows the seeds for Units 20 and 38 that develop understanding of Christian beliefs about Incarnation, Trinity and the Messiah