

Knowledge Organiser – Pilgrimage / Incarnation

Big RE Question: How do Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?



Nativity scene



Christmas Advert



Lourdes
Place of Pilgrimage



Walsingham
Place of Pilgrimage

Key Vocabulary: Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage: A special JOURNEY that religious people make to a SACRED place.

Pilgrim: A person who embarks on a pilgrimage.

Sacred: Holy and deserve respect.

Devotion: A religious exercise or practice other than the regular corporate worship.

Faith: A strong belief in the doctrines of a religion.

Key Vocabulary: Incarnation

Incarnation: The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer: The Messiah and Saviour, who will repair the effects of sin and the Fall and offer a way for humans to be at one with God again. Incarnation means that Jesus is God in the flesh, and that, in Jesus, God came to live among humans.

Theology: This is about believing. It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied differently in different contexts and how they relate to each other.

Gospel: Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. ('Gospel' means 'good news') Christians believe that the Nativity is 'good news.' They see Jesus as their rescuer or saviour.

Secular: Not having any connection to religion.

Religious: Something or someone connected to a religion.

Pilgrimage - Key facts:

- When Christians go on pilgrimage they travel somewhere that is special to their faith. It might be to places written about in the Bible, such as where Jesus and the early Christians lived. It may be a place where a miracle once happened or a saint is buried. Often the journey itself matters as much as being at the special place because it gives the pilgrim time to pray and think.
- A pilgrimage is a journey that has religious or spiritual significance. It is not compulsory in Christianity, but many Christians choose to undertake journeys to holy sites to: deepen their connection with God, get special blessings and to see sites where miracles happened.
- Pilgrimage is an important part of spiritual life for many Christians. By taking the time to go on pilgrimage, people can leave behind everyday concerns from back home and spend time in the presence of God as they travel to a place with special meaning. People have always gone on pilgrimage for many reasons; perhaps to say sorry to God for something they had done wrong, or because they were ill and wanted God to heal them.

Incarnation - Key Facts:

- The Gospels of Matthew and Luke give different accounts. It is from them that the Nativity story is pieced together.
- The Gospel of Mark and John do not give an account of the Nativity.
- The Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and are found in the New Testament. They are the books from the Bible that give an account of Jesus' life. Only Matthew and Luke give an account of Jesus' birth although the other gospels cover other aspects of the Christmas story in various forms.
- Churches take responsibility to advertise Christmas because it is the celebration of the birth of Christ.
- Giving and receiving gifts is an important part of Christmas. It is inspired by the giving of Jesus; God's greatest gift to the world, also by the gifts from the magi in the Nativity story.

