

## Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

### Substantive Knowledge to test:

- What the Bible says about Jesus – some of the stories about Jesus as an adult.
- The birth of Jesus is known as the nativity and it was an important event for Christians.
- The nativity is different around the world because of the cultural or historical influences on Christianity.
- Christmas is a celebration festival for Christians as it is Jesus's birthday.
- Jesus shows what God is like and all humans are made in 'God's image'.
- Every human is precious to God, known and loved by God.
- Jesus came as Emmanuel (God with us) and he wants his followers to be like him and show God's love to the world.

### Disciplinary Knowledge to test:

- ✓ Christians believe God came to Earth in Human form as Jesus.
- ✓ Christians believe Jesus came to show that all people are precious and special to God.

### Substantive Retrieval Questions:

- What does the Bible say about Jesus?
- What do Christians celebrate at Christmas?
- What is the Christmas story called?
- What happens in the Nativity story?
- How do Christians celebrate Christmas?

### Disciplinary Retrieval Questions:

- Jesus is the human form of?
- What did Jesus come to Earth to show Christians?
- How are Christians precious to God?
- What do Christians remember at Christmas?

### Retrieval Practice Assessment Approaches:

- The three-question approach – choose three questions to ask at the start of each RE lesson, one substantive knowledge about the current enquiry, one disciplinary question from the current enquiry and one random / bonus question of your choice for pupils to answer.
- At the end of the enquiry process in the EVALUATE stage provide a quiz for children to complete using the substantive knowledge questions.
- At the end of the enquiry process in the EXPRESS stage use the disciplinary questions to explore a deeper focus for assessing disciplinary knowledge – this could be used to form the basis of an assessment activity e.g. a debate of how moral laws support Muslims in the modern world vs leading them to be different and radical.

### You may assess the outcomes of your pupils in RE against the Early learning Goals of:

- Communication and language development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design