

# Christmas Journeys : RE : Year 4

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
<b>Lesson 1</b>	To learn about the importance of Bethlehem to Christians and to find out what a pilgrimage is.	Children will find out where Bethlehem is and start to understand why it is a significant location in Christianity. They will learn what a pilgrimage is and think about why people go on pilgrimages to Bethlehem. They will also identify some pilgrimage sites for other major religions and explore what Israel is like today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can children explain why Bethlehem is an important religious site?</li> <li>• Can children explain what a pilgrimage is?</li> <li>• Can children compare what Bethlehem was like when Jesus was born to what it is like today?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Lyrics sheet</li> <li>• Worksheet 1A/1B/1C</li> <li>• Picture Cards</li> <li>• Information Sheet (FSD? activity only)</li> <li>• Books, access to internet - optional (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 2</b>	To find out about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.	Children will discover why Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem from Nazareth and look at how far the journey would have been. The emphasis is on how Mary and Joseph would have felt at this time and encourages your class to think about what the journey would have been like.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do children know why Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem?</li> <li>• Can children identify how Mary and Joseph might have been feeling?</li> <li>• Can children make connections with their own experiences?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Worksheet 2A/2B/2C</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 3</b>	To find out about some of the key features of the nativity story.	Children will read and re-tell the section of the nativity story that tells of the angels' visit to the shepherds. Children will consider what the shepherds might have been feeling and describe why they are an important part of the nativity story.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can children re-tell the story of the shepherds in the nativity story?</li> <li>• Can children explain why the shepherds are an important symbol in the nativity story?</li> <li>• Can children empathise with the characters in the story?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Worksheet 3A/3B/3C</li> <li>• Video cameras (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 4</b>	To find out how religious ideas can be expressed through music and art.	Children will study the role of the three wise men in the nativity story and look at how they have been represented in music and art across the centuries. They will read the story of the visit of the wise men, find out what gifts they brought Jesus and consider how these visitors to the stable were different to the shepherds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do children know the story of the three kings?</li> <li>• Do children know how religious ideas can be expressed through music and art?</li> <li>• Can children express their own ideas through music and art?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Worksheet 4A</li> <li>• Musical instruments (if desired)</li> <li>• Art materials (FSD? activity only)</li> </ul>
<b>Lesson 5</b>	To learn about how the emotions of the people in the story are the same emotions as people have today.	Children will consider Herod's motivations for infanticide and think about why Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to flee to Egypt. They will relate this to refugees today. There is also the chance to re-tell the story of the nativity from start to finish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can children explain why Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt?</li> <li>• Can children empathise with the emotions of the characters?</li> <li>• Do children understand that people a long time in the past had the same emotions as people today?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slides</li> <li>• Worksheet 5A/5B</li> <li>• Nativity Story Templates (FSD? activity only)</li> <li>• End of Unit Quiz</li> </ul>