



Knowledge Organiser Religious Education Year 4 Christmas: Exploring the Symbolism of Light

Key Vocabulary

Jesus	The divine son of God the Father.
Candle	Cylinder or block of wax with a central wick which is lit to produce light as it burns.
Light of the World	A phrase Jesus used to describe himself and his disciples in the New Testament.
Christingle	A lighted candle symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, held by children at a special Advent service
Incarnation	Means 'made flesh'. It is the Christian belief that God became a man in the person of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.
Hannukah	Festival of Lights. It is an annual week-long celebration and one of the biggest festivals of the year for Jewish people.
Dreidal	A four-sided top which is played in the Hanukkah season by Jewish people.

Key Knowledge

- Jesus is the 'Light of the World'
- The metaphor of bringing light into people's has many different aspects and features.
- God turned on the biggest, brightest light when Jesus was born.
- Jesus came to bring light. He came to show us how to live in light and in goodness.
- His light is bright enough for everyone in the whole world.
- Just like a torch can help to keep us from stumbling over things in the dark, Jesus wants to help to keep us from stumbling over problems in life.
- Christingle represents Jesus in this way offering a symbol of hope and friendship.
- Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. The word Hanukkah means rededication. Every year, the celebration honours the hard-fought victory of those trying to keep their faith despite a powerful enemy.