







Religious Education:	Year 4	Autumn 2	Enquiry Question: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?	Religion: Christianity
This enquiry investigates the significance and symbolism of elements of the Christmas story to Christians today.				
What we will learn:			Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus was born in Bethlehem and Christians believe he was God's son. Mary was his mother and Joseph was engaged to her at the time.The elements of the Christingle have a symbolismThe orange represents the world.The candle reminds Christians of Jesus whom they believe to be the light of the world.The red ribbon goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.The four cocktail sticks are the four seasonsThe sweets (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jesus as the Son of God and light of the world – leading Christians to God hence the star and the candle in the Christingle.The Annunciation: that Mary agreed to the Angel Gabriel's request when God sent him to ask her to be the mother of Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What symbols are meaningful to me?What could I use as symbols to portray things that are important to me in my life?Is it important that others understand my symbolism or is it something personal that only I comprehend?
Key Vocabulary			Impact on believer/daily life	
Incarnation: God becoming man or literally being “made flesh”			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Symbols are still used today e.g. the Christingles, a star or angel on the top of the Christmas tree.Christians may also have a “crib” or nativity scene in their own home to remind them of the elements of the Christmas story.Many Christians will attend Church services over the Christmas period to commemorate the birth of Jesus.	
Christingle: An ornament made in many homes and churches at Christmas with significance to each part of it.				
Annunciation: the announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit to be called Jesus.				
Nativity: the birth of Jesus Christ				
<div>Home learning ideas/questions:</div> <div>Could our household make a Christingle or some other symbolic home decoration which shows the things that are important to us in our lives? Can we discuss what is important to each of us and to us all?</div>				

