

**What Prior Knowledge should students have?**

- Harvest is when crops are grown and this is celebrated by sharing food with others
- A Church is a Christian place of worship
- Christians believe Jesus was special as he could perform miracles
- Vegetables and crops are grown for harvest.

**What Skills will students learn (Disciplinary Skills)**

- Explain why Jesus is special for Christians
- Recall some events from Jesus' life
- Compare how different religions believe the world began
- Retell the creation story
- Suggest why Christians may call Jesus 'Saviour'

**What key knowledge will be taught (Substantive Knowledge)**

- Christian's call Jesus the 'Son of God'
- Christian's believe Jesus performed miracles and healings
- The Bible contains parables (stories) of Jesus and his miracles or healings
- Christians believe that Jesus is both human and divine (God).
- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- Jews, Christians and Muslims believe that God created the world for them.

**Key Vocabulary**
**Definition**

Christianity	Christianity refers to the large group of religions who believe that the son of god was born a man - Jesus of Nazareth - over 2000 years ago.
Jesus	Christians believe that he is the son of God and was sent to save humans from sins they had committed. He was born to two ordinary Jewish people called Mary and Joseph.
divine	In Christianity, this means being from or of God. Something that is sent or given by God.
parables	A parable is a simple story told to teach a lesson or highlight a moral. Jesus told many parables in the Gospels.
Christmas	It is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who, according to the Christian religion, is the son of God. The name is a joining of "Christ" and "mass" which means the holy mass.
miracle	Some people say that a miracle is always an act brought about by God or other supernatural force (such as an angel).

**Religious Overview**

The foundational belief for Christians is in God, the Creator of the world, who is revealed to people through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Christians believe in God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The religious text is the Bible which has an Old Testament and a New Testament. The Old Testament is stories about God and the New Testament holds stories of Jesus. Christians believe Jesus performed miracles because he was the son of God.

