


Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas? : RE : Year 1

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To find out what it is like to give and receive gifts.	Children will think about some of the reasons why people give gifts. They will consider how it feels to both give and receive gifts, drawing on their own experiences. They will start to consider what makes a gift special and meaningful.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children recognise what it feels like to give and receive presents? Can children describe a present that was special and meaningful to them? Can children suggest reasons why people give gifts? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C Present Cards (FSD? activity only) Card Template (FSD? activity only) Word Bank (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To find out about the story of Jesus' birth.	Children will recap what they already know about Christmas and why it is celebrated. They will read the story of the nativity, focusing on why the three wise men gave gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Jesus when they visited him. They will start to relate this to Christian ideas of giving and receiving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know the story of the birth of Jesus? Do children know that the wise men brought baby Jesus special gifts? Do children know the significance of giving and receiving gifts for Christians at Christmas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 2A/2B/2C Character Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To know what gifts a Christian might give baby Jesus	Children will recap the story of the nativity and recall the gifts given by the three wise men. They will consider gifts that babies receive today and think about what they would give to baby Jesus if they had visited him in the stables today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that the wise men brought baby Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? Can children explain why the wise men gave special gifts to baby Jesus? Do children know the significance of giving and receiving gifts for Christians? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 3A/3B/3C Gifts for Jesus Poem Role-play area with baby and manger (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 4	To know about gifts that you can not see.	Children will think about why people give gifts at Christmas and consider gifts that can be given but not seen. Children will think about concepts such as kindness, friendship and love as presents they can give their loved one instead of presents that go under the Christmas tree. They will compare the importance of these 'invisible' presents compared to physical gifts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children explain why giving gifts is an important idea for Christians? Do children know that some gifts, like love and kindness, can not be wrapped? Can children talk about why the gifts of love, help, kindness and friendship are special? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides  Worksheet 4A/4B Heart Template Digital Cameras (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 5	To explore the Christian belief that Jesus is God's gift to the world.	Children will think about why Christians remember the birth of a baby more than 2000 years ago and discuss the Christian beliefs that Jesus was a gift from God to the world. It also teaches them Christian beliefs about what Jesus brought to the world, such as hope and peace. They will also consider what gifts they would like to give their loved ones at Christmas and why.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Jesus is important to Christians because they believe he is the son of God? Can children describe some of the positive things Jesus brought to the world, such as love and kindness? Do children recognise that you do not need to be Christian to give gifts or to spread love and kindness? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Word Cards Paper cut into strips Worksheet 5A/5B