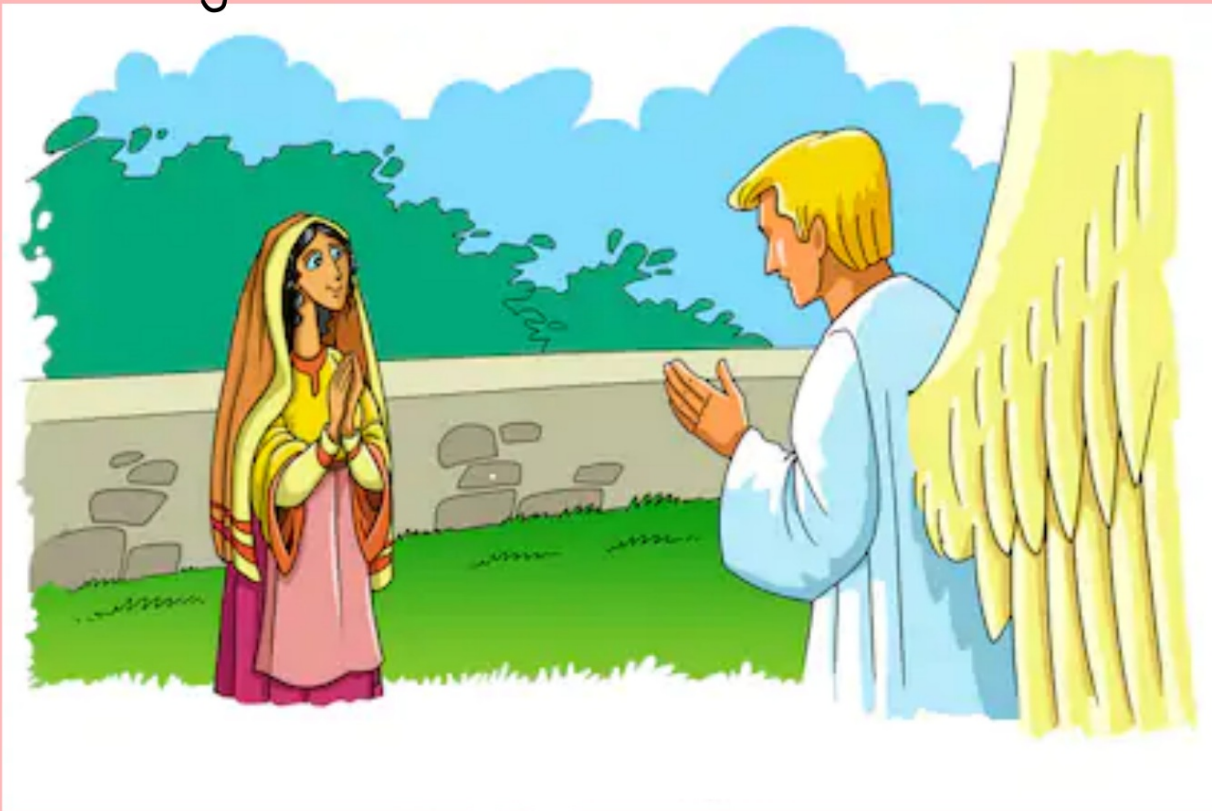


Friday 10th December  
Christmas R.E. Day



*Hope, Dignity, Wisdom, Community*

Thursday 10th December

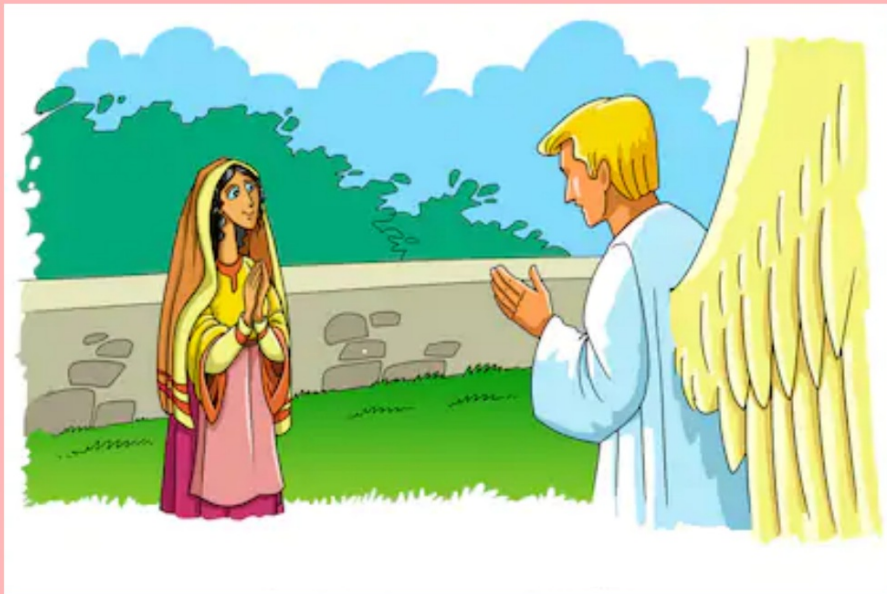


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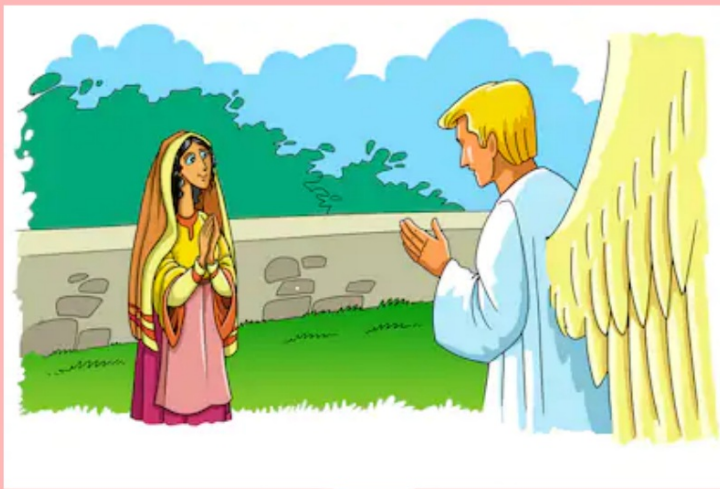
Session One

*HOPE: Mary and Angel Gabriel*

*What HOPE does Jesus bring?*



*Read the story*



*Open your bibles to the story 'An angel visits a young girl'*

*p210*

## Consider:

Gabriel said to Mary, "Nothing is impossible with God."

In earthly terms, it was impossible for Mary to have a baby. What seems even more impossible was that the promised baby was to be God incarnate - God in flesh.

The angel brought a message of hope for both Mary and the world as a whole.

Explore

What are each of these images?



They are messengers of God.

They are nothing to be scared of and bring peace, love and hope.

Explore



How do you think Mary felt meeting  
Angel Gabriel?

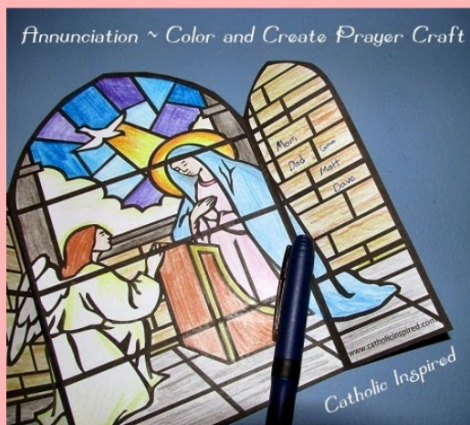


Keyword - Annunciation

When Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the baby Jesus.

## Follow-on activity:

Create your own stained glass window.



"Don't be afraid Mary. You will give birth to a son. Nothing is impossible with God."  
(Luke. 1)



## RE Christmas Day Making Connections:

Think about what the angel said,

"Nothing is impossible with God."

Giving people hope.

Think about your hopes and dreams, however impossible they may feel.

### Spiritual journals

What are your big hopes?

If you could make anything happen, what would it be?

Who?



Session Two

*DIGNITY: Angels and the Shepherds*  
*Does God value all people?*



Let's watch the story



Jesus is Born Luke 2:1-20 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m3SqxHrD0U>

## Consider:

When there is a royal birth today, what happens?

How is the birth announced?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m3SqxHrD0U>



## Consider

Who were the shepherds?

*They were seen in those days as fairly low in society, certainly no 'decent' person would associate with them.*

*What does it mean that they were the first to be told about the birth of Jesus?*



## Consider

The angels were sent to announce the birth of a heavenly king, Jesus, God in human form.

This makes the fact that they were the first people to hear the news about Jesus' birth even more amazing and the fact that they heard it directly from heaven itself proves that God values all people and that He treats all people with dignity and respect regardless of how the world sees it.



## **Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life**

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.

In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Your prayer  
should be  
based around  
dignity.  
Ending with  
Amen.

Dear God,



## Follow-on activity

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### **Prayer for Life and Dignity**

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,  
bless us with the courage to defend all life  
from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples  
from east to west, from north to south,  
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

## Making connections

The shepherds were seen as the lowest in their society but God treated them with dignity.

What does that mean for us personally?

But also what does that mean for how God wants us to treat others?

## Spiritual journals

What makes you special?

How should we treat others?

Who?  
What?  
Where?  
When?  
Why?



Session Three

*WISDOM: Wise Men and the Gifts*  
*What is true wisdom?*



*Read the story*



*Open your bibles to the story 'Gifts for a King'  
p219*

Consider



[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=4DlNhbkPiYY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DlNhbkPiYY)

This is how people used to navigate.

Now a-days people use 'sat navs' but before that there were compasses.

Christians often refer to the Bible as a compass or 'sat nav' because they use it as a guide for their lives.

Why do you think this is the case?

## Consider

The wise men followed a star that they believed was put there as a guide to show them where they should go.

DISCUSS - What or who do you use as a guide when you make big decisions?

- Where do you get your wisdom from?

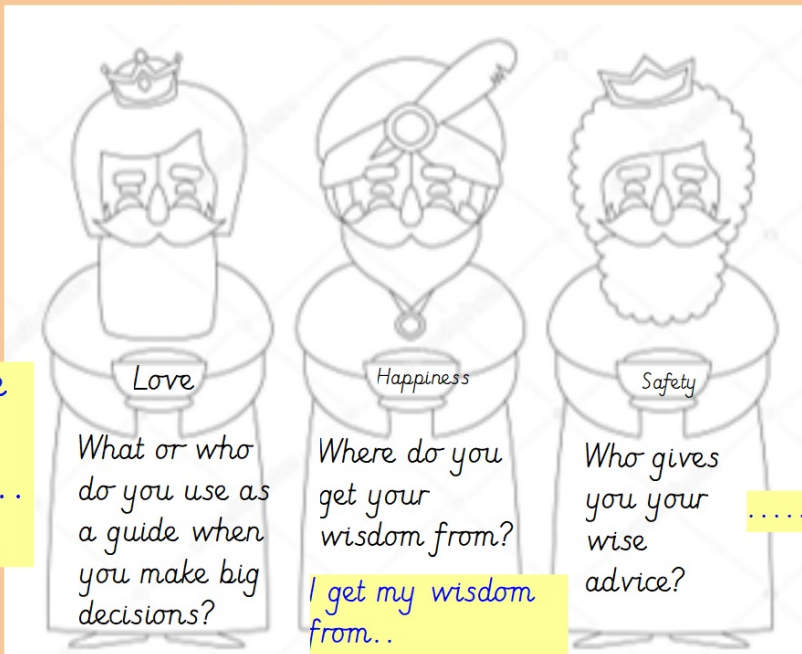
- Who gives you your wise advice?



## Follow-on activity

On each of the Wise Men, can you write your answer to each of these questions.

On the presents that the Wise Men are holding, can you write what presents you would like to give to the world. (e.g. love, clean water for all people, justice, equality, chocolate every day for everyone).



When I make big decisions..... .. helps me.

What or who do you use as a guide when you make big decisions?

Where do you get your wisdom from?

I get my wisdom from..

Who gives you your wise advice?

..... gives me wise advice.

You can then colour them in.

## Making Connections:

God put a star in the night sky to help guide the wise men to find Jesus.

Is there something you need guidance about?

Is there something you need help with?

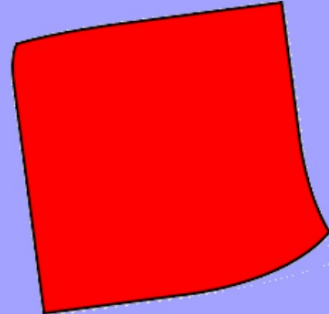
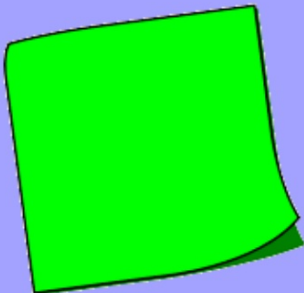
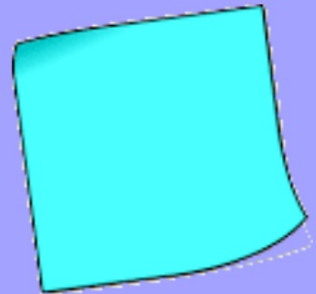
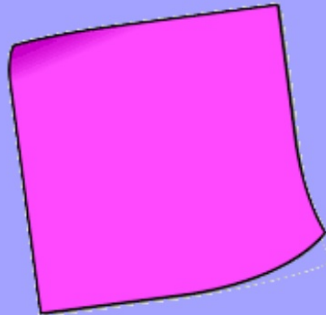
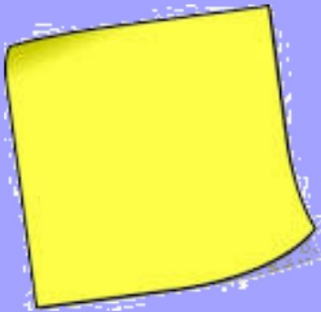
If you want to, you can draw a star on a post-it note, write your thoughts inside and stick it onto the starry sky on the next page.

## Session Four

COMMUNITY: Christmas today




The 'good life' is with and for others in caring communities - how can the Christian celebration of Christmas reflect this?




*What is Christmas all about?*



*Discuss in groups, write answers on post-it notes  
and stick onto the board.*



## CONCLUSION

For Christians, Christmas is one of the most important days of the year because it is the day they remember  coming down to  as a  - the incarnation.

Christians love the  and the , but there is something more to Christmas than that. At the  of Christmas for many Christians is a sense of love and community.

community

Many Christians go to  on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to be part of the worshipping community or they will go out .

Some will even use their Christmas Day to help serve the community they live in, in particular the lonely,  or the  of that community.

Make a religious Christmas card to give to:

- someone you know in the community who you think may be lonely (maybe a neighbour?)

or

- someone in the community you want to say thank you to.

It could be someone in our school community or someone in the local community.





### Making Connections:

Spend a few minutes thinking about the people in our **COMMUNITY** who may not be looking forward to Christmas.

Would anyone like to say a prayer for those who may be lonely at Christmas?

Dear Gracious and Loving God,

Help all people this Christmas to feel your presence.

My heart aches when I think of those who will be lonely at this time,

For those who just long to have someone to simply talk to.

Please send your Holy Spirit as comforter to be with the lonely especially at Christmas time.

Help me also to do what we can to help others in our communities.

Help us to know in our hearts that we are never alone because you are with us.

Your love and peace is with us, right now, in this moment and forever more Amen

# Colour, cut and fold to make your own Nativity scene

made by joel  Nativity Scene (travel size)

fold - - - -  
cut \_\_\_\_\_

