

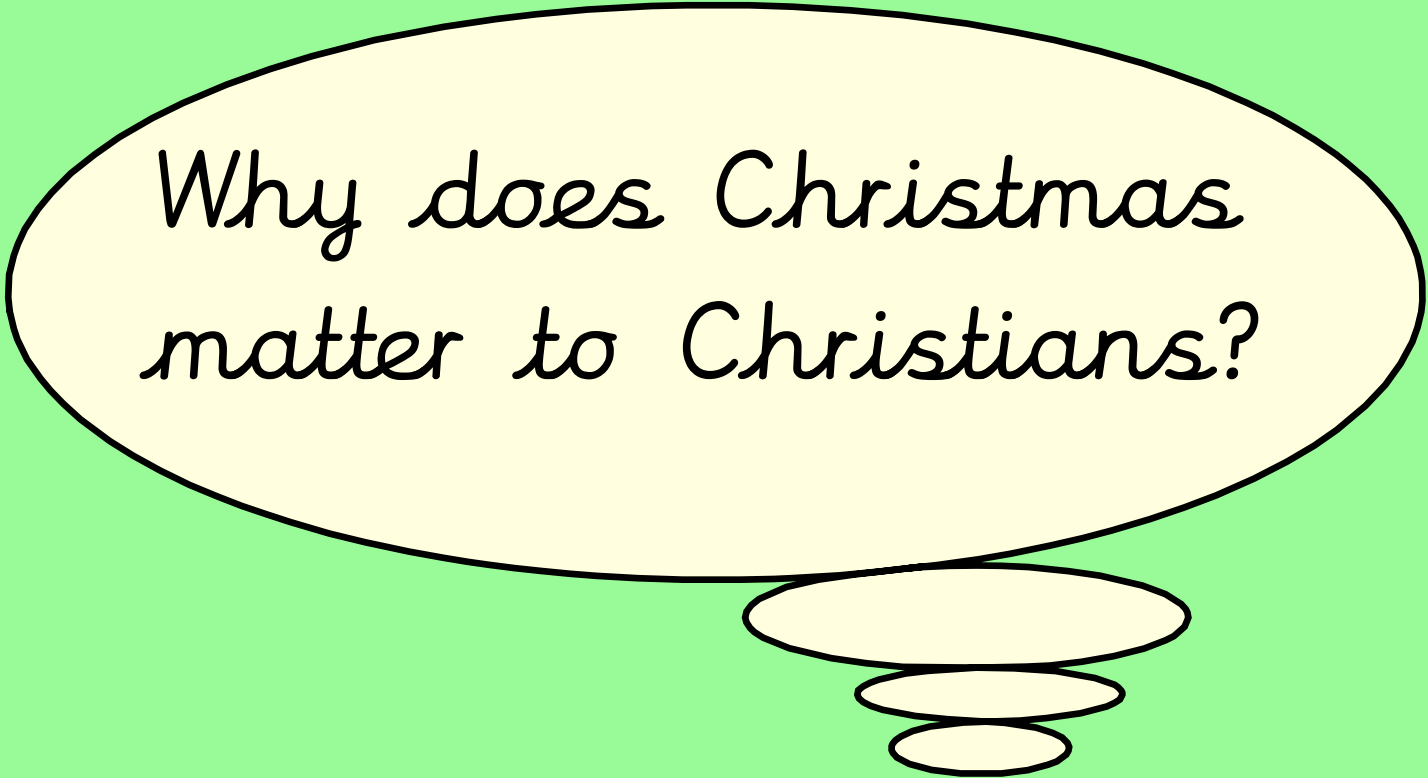
Monday 8th November

L.O. To know that incarnation is part of the  
big story.

Look at the picture, how do you know it's Christmas?  
What might the family view as the most important things about Christmas?



Our key questions this half term:



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matter to Christians?



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The Christmas story, or the story of Jesus's birth is told in the Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Luke's Gospel tells the most common story

Luke 2

## The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

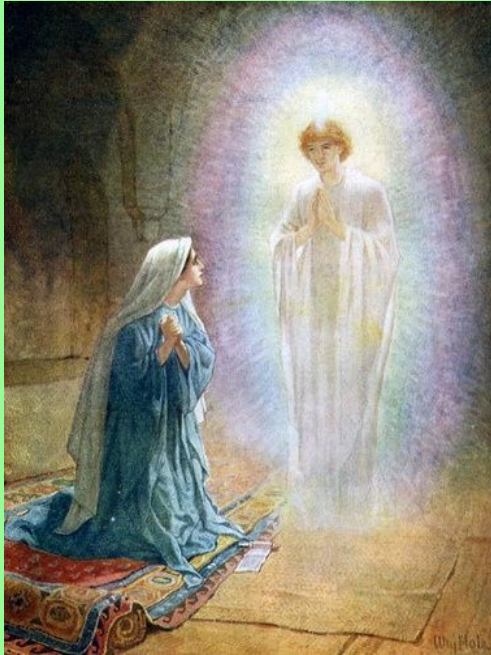
13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*However, if we read Matthew's Gospel we find out more about the story...*

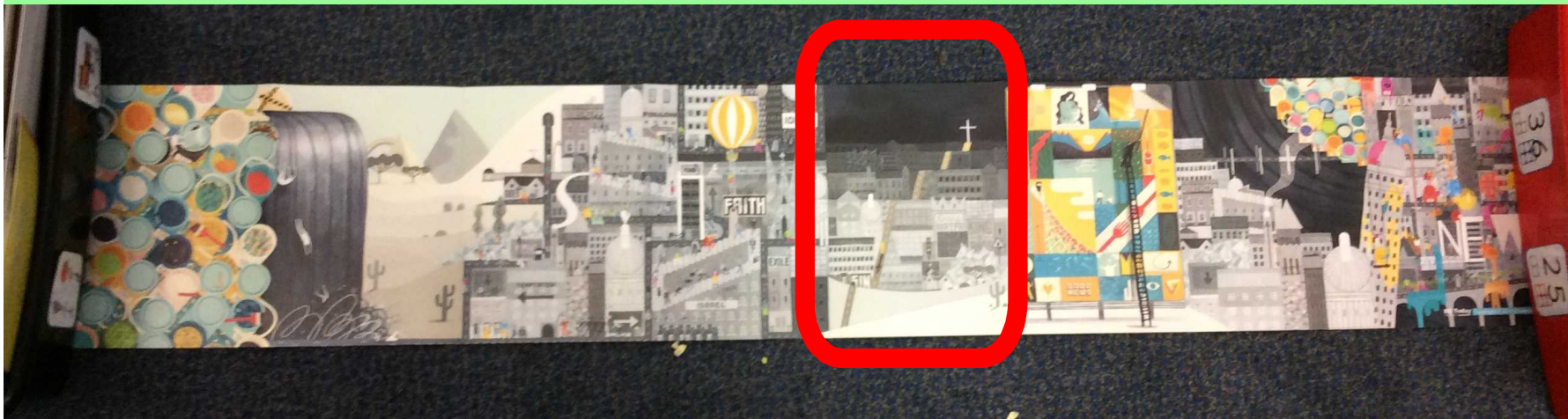


*Mary being visited by Angel Gabriel.*

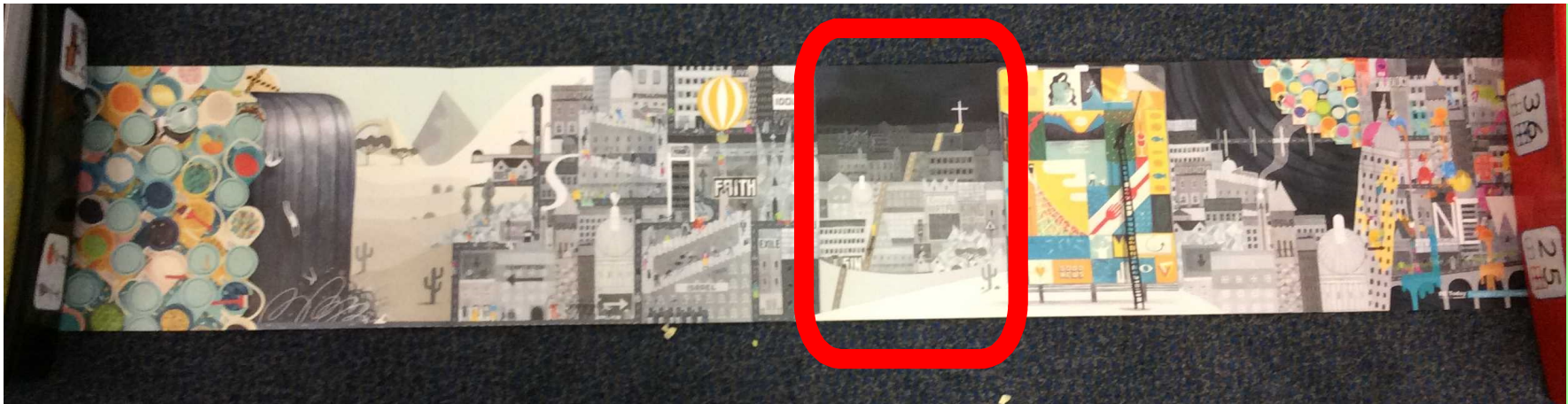


*The 3 Kings visiting the baby Jesus.*

God coming to Earth as a baby is part of the 'Big Story'.



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*Incarnation* means 'in the flesh.'

Latin word *Carne* = meat.

The Christmas story is known as the incarnation because it tells us of God coming to earth 'in the flesh', in human form.





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On the next page, look at the picture from the frieze and see how many clues about Jesus and the Christmas story you can spot.



Jesus is painted gold because he is the light of the world.

Jesus came to save us from our sins.

Jesus was born in a lowly stable with a star to show a special baby had been born.




The road shows Jesus's life from his birth to his death on the cross.

Jesus came to be our King.

God coming to Earth in human form - 'in the flesh.'

Draw lines to 6 things you have spotted and write down what they are and what they tell you about the story.

L.O. To explore why Christmas is important to Christians Monday 8th November



The illustration depicts a stylized cityscape at night. A prominent white cross is illuminated on a hill in the background. A yellow path with dashed lines leads from the foreground towards the cross. In the foreground, there is a sign that says "living WATER KING OF KINGS" and another sign that says "FIN". A cactus is visible in the bottom right corner.