

## Unit 5.2: Christmas - The Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

### Key Questions:

Where in the Bible is the Christmas story?

How are the stories in Matthew and Luke similar/different?

How do our celebrations reflect the true meaning of Christmas?

Where do the ideas of including a donkey and a stable in the story come from?

### Key Vocabulary:

**Gospel:** Good news about salvation from sin; The message of Jesus: his birth, death and resurrection'

**Herod:** (21 BC—AD 39); tetrarch of Galilee; ruled throughout Jesus' ministry.

**Luke:** A Doctor; author of Luke and Acts; friend of Paul.

**Matthew:** Disciple; Previously a Tax-Collector;

**Messiah:** God's promised King and Rescuer.

**Nativity:** The birth of Jesus Christ.

**Saviour:** A person who saves someone from danger.

### Christian Concepts:

**Incarnation:** (When God became a man - Jesus, the God-Man.)

**Salvation:** (Jesus died in the place of people, so that anyone who believes and trusts in Him will be 'saved' or rescued from death and able to be in heaven with God for ever.)

**Values:** Hope/Humility

**Jesus:** God's Gift to the world. ✨  
The light shining in the darkness.

### **Key Bible Verses:**

**Matthew 2:2** 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

**Luke 19:10** 'For the Son of Man came to seek and **save** the lost.'

### **Matthew's Gospel**



Joseph is named in Jesus' family tree. An angel visits Joseph.



The Magi visit a young Jesus. They bring significant gifts, fit for the Messiah.

### **Luke's Gospel**



Gabriel visits Mary and tells her she will have a son, Jesus, meaning 'God Saves'.



Luke tells how the shepherds visit Jesus - ordinary people, looked down on.

'My soul glorifies the Lord ...my spirit rejoices in God my **Saviour**...'

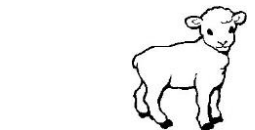
'...the **Mighty One** has done great things for me...'



**Matthew shows Jesus is:**  
Fulfilling Prophecy;  
God's King;  
Related to King David;  
The Jew's Messiah;  
Worthy of worship;



**Mary's song**  
**Luke 1:46-55**



**Luke shows Jesus is:**  
For everyone;  
God's Saving Lord;  
Interested in the Lost;  
The One who seeks;

'His **mercy** extends to those who fear him...'

'He has **lifted up** the humble.  
He has **filled** the hungry with **good things**...'