

Unit 2:2 Christmas:

Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?

Christian Values: Love Hope Faith

Christian Concepts:

INCARNATION: Incarnation means that Jesus is God in the flesh, and that, in Jesus, God came to live amonast humans.

Key Questions:

How is good news delivered? Who passes on good news? Why was the birth of Jesus good news? Why is this news so important? What difference did it make to the world? How did the good news spread further? How is this good news told and celebrated today? The news is very old, how can it still be good news? What do angels do? What do they look like?

Elizabeth and Zechariah: the angel visits Zechariah with the news, but because he didn't believe it, he was struck dumb until the baby was born.



The angel visits Mary



The angel visits the shepherds



Key Vocabulary:

Good news: The story of Jesus Christ's birth, death and resurrection.

Elizabeth and Zechariah: Mary's cousin and her husband.

Jesus: the Son of God whose birth we celebrate at Christmas time.

Mary: the mother of Jesus

Angel Gabriel: The angel who told Mary she was going to have a baby.

Joseph: the earthly father of Jesus Shepherds: the first people to be told of the birth of Jesus Bethlehem: the town where Jesus was born